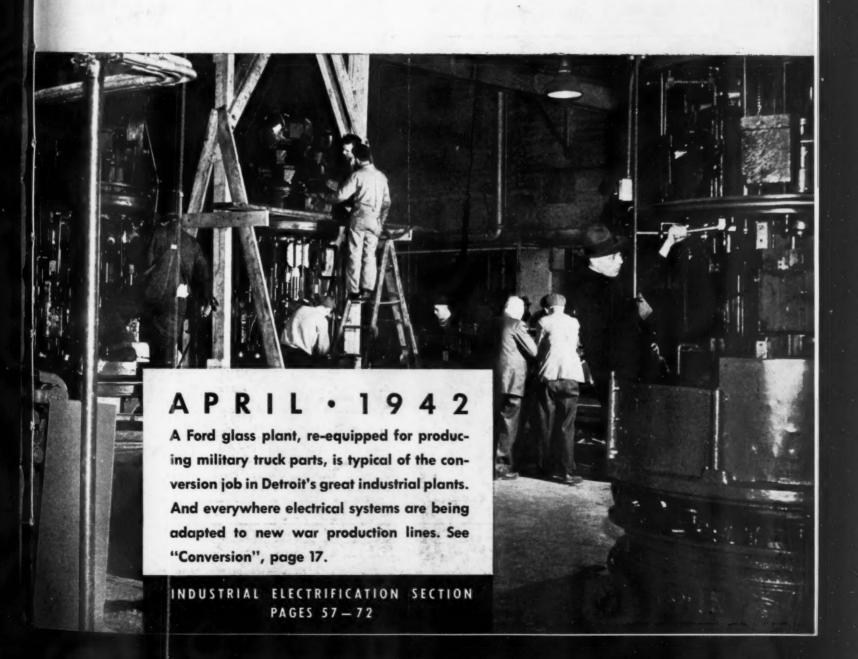
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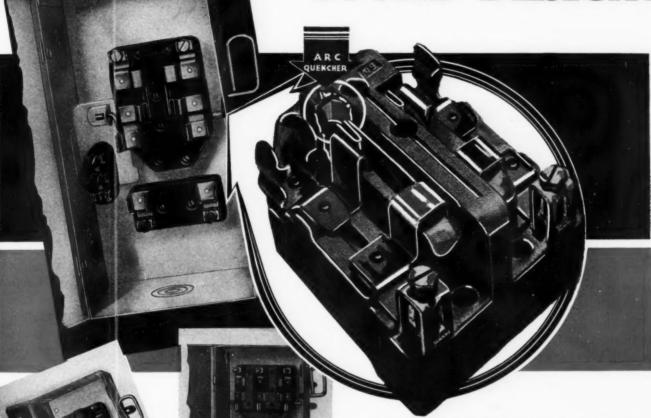
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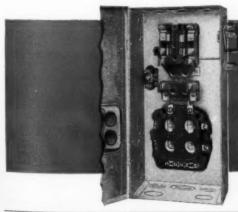
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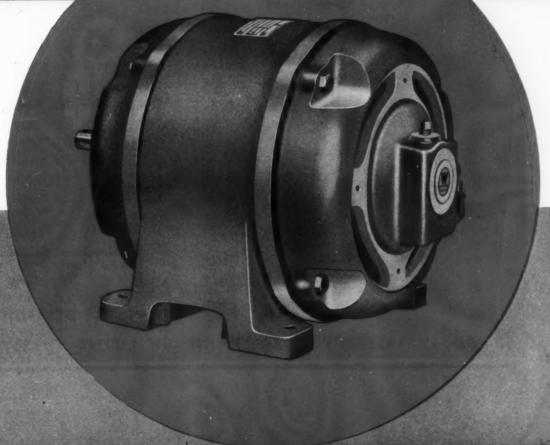
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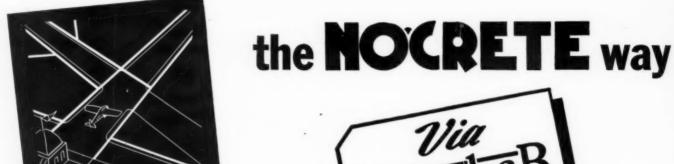
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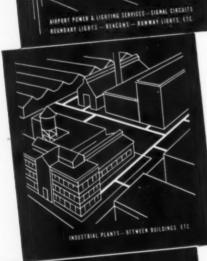




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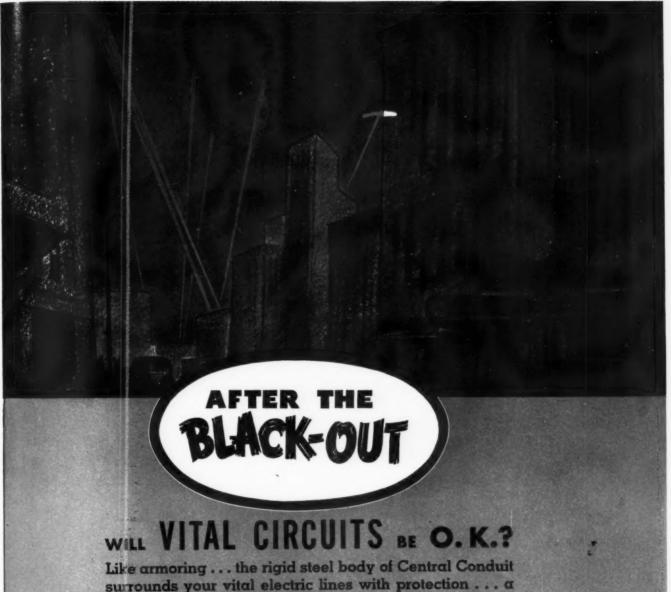
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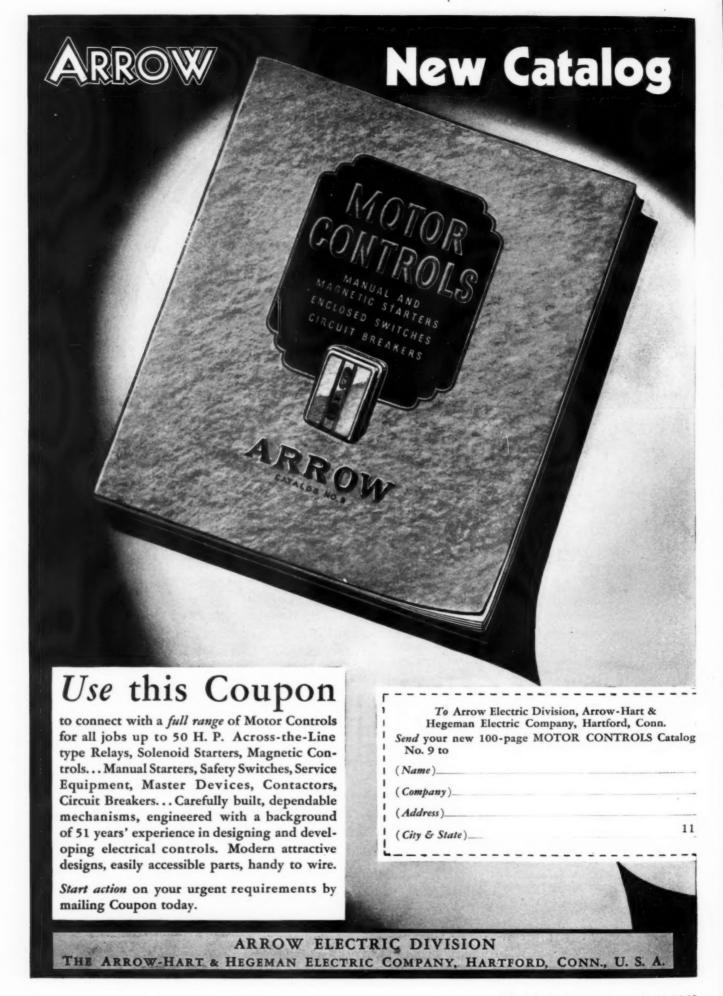
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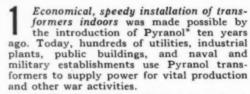
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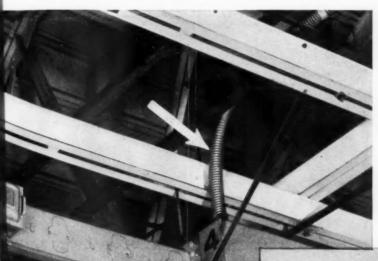
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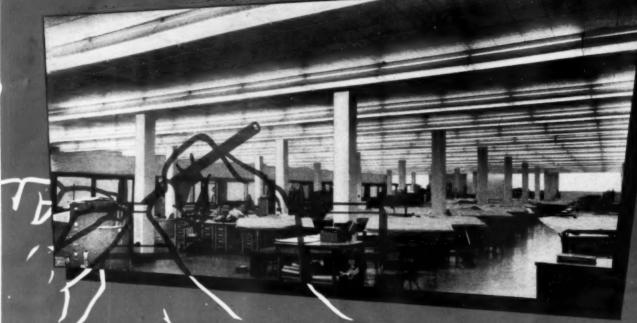
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Like most of the construction jobs we see today, the work of reconditioning the Normandie was carefully guarded. A stranger would encounter searching questions and a rigorous routine if he had business at the pier. Cameras were forbidden. Curious and casual visitors were barred. For caution and care against the ever present threat of sabotage is essential in war.

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# CONVERSION By W. T. Stuart

When the word went out to American industry to turn their plants into munitions factories, or else, the most complex wiring job of all time was dumped into our collective lap. The full extent of the work cannot be estimated. But it is tremendous. And right now it is taxing our industry ingenuity, raising serious problems of methods and procedure, and confirming our frequent claims that the modern wiring system ranks among the most important industrial developments since the advent of mass production.

In these days it is idle to discuss claims of relative importance among the hundreds of industries serving the nation at war. But in the tremendously significant conversion program, where every sinew is stretched for speed in turning widgets into machine guns, there are three outstanding demands—machines, electrical equipment and wiring.

The conversion program is nationwide. It is going on in Newark and Peoria, in Mobile and Spokane. But at the moment the most dramatic job in all the world is being done in Detroit. For there the automobile industry, the major

plants and the hundreds of smaller factories feeding the assembly lines with parts and gadgets, is converting existing plants to war work on a scale of baffling proportions. We went there, we talked with plant engineers, chief electricians, contractors and motor shops, in an effort to bring the readers of *Electrical Contracting* a first hand report on what conversion means to the electrical industry.

The conversion of an existing plant requires, essentially, the equivalent of rewiring for a new occupant. The new tenant is Uncle Sam. He is turning out the highly specialized machinery of the automotive industry to make way for equally specialized machinery that will make parts for tanks, guns, planes and ships. Much of the existing machinery is being used again, much is stored for the duration, at least a half billion dollars worth of new equipment is being moved in. And everywhere that changes are made, the wiring system is correspondingly altered.

Individual jobs vary as widely as the changes in production lines. Every job out of a large sheaf selected at random in one contractor's office required an increase in service capacity from 40 to

200 per cent. From this group and another similar random selection the composite conversion job among the plants normally feeding the auto industry involves the following specification:

1. Additional transformer capacity of 75 per cent of the existing installation. New switchgear and protective equipment to match the existing installation.

2. Add a new section to existing main distribution switchboard equivalent to new service capacity.

3. Run additional distribution feeders equivalent to those in place.

4. Remove existing sub-feeders and install busbar distribution systems over proposed machine areas.

5. Provide machine mounted disconnects and motor branch circuit to nearest sub-feeder.

6. Remove existing lighting equipment and install RLM standard or equivalent two lamp fluorescent units with auxiliaries corrected for power factor. Intensity shall not be less than 40 foot-candles at the working plane.

The broad picture that this composite specification shows cannot be detailed. Each job involves its own peculiar conditions, the adaptation of existing wiring and equipment to new circuits, the relo-



TWENTY DAYS LATER. A fully equipped machine line is turning out war materials where twenty days before cars were rolling off the line.

trol, and all the other factors which are to new machines. Up to the present familiar on rewiring projects. The actual work in the hundreds of factories around industrial Detroit is liberally spread over plant electrical construction departments, and contractors, large and small. And jobs vary from patchwork alteration to existing systems to complete new installations from the service entrance to the last outlet.

In the major plants like Ford, Chevrolet, Plymouth, Hudson and Packard, the wiring system alterations are more complicated. Here the existing wiring systems were developed around the various demands of assembly line needs on automobiles and trucks. The new work undertaken as prime contractors is often remote in method and procedure from the existing plant plan. And wholesale conversion is not always possible at one time. As individual contracts are undertaken, a portion of the stripped plant is prepared until entire plant is occupied.

At the Plymouth Division of the Chrysler Corp., where conversion is advanced well beyond original schedules, the stripping crew followed the last cars down the line. Machine tools which had already been tagged were disconnected, and those which were not put on war work, were listed in a common pool. Fixed equipment, such as motor generator sets, out of the way of new lines, are shut down and covered for protection. Wiring connections for plugging into the bus system remain attached to the removed equipment and

cation of existing panelboards and con- new bus taps and connections are run approximately 5000 feet of bus work has been installed for secondary distribution and new enclosed busbar sub-feeders will be used as machine areas grow.

> Although in this plant the use of high cycle equipment was considerably reduced by conversion, the use of direct current for hoists, cranes, and machine tools requiring critical speed control was greatly increased.

> Otherwise a long established policy of standardization on flexible methods of wiring with high salvage possibilities has contributed materially to speeding rewiring as new lines are built. This standardization is now being followed on lighting with the adoption of fluorescent lighting with design intensities of 35 to 75 foot-candles wherever new equipment is installed.

> In the motor shop field the conversion program is turning out large numbers of motors for general overhauling. Most are taken from shut down machines and are consequently in need of only minor repairs. The shops clean them up and check insulation resistance. A wash, varnish and bake, mechanical repairs, and a test are usually enough. Some which won't test up are stripped and rewound. Many go back directly into new service. Others are placed in the machine pool for future needs. A shop specializing in repairing small motors and tools reports no noticeable upturn in high cycle tool work but a decided increase in welder set repairs.

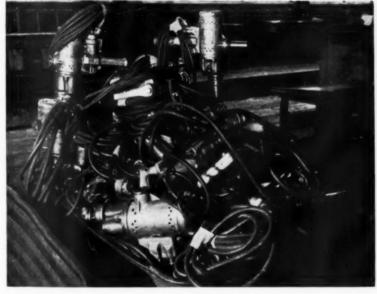
Detroit's characteristic flair for unique methods is apparent in some of the wiring systems already in operation or under construction. At Packard, for instance, heavy current welder circuits are fed from a unique concentric feeder consisting of one copper tube within another. The design holds down reactance losses. At Plymouth, extreme flexibility is provided by a secondary network of longitudinal open conductors feeding transverse sections of bus ways. Bus plugs extend in heavy "bus cable" to machines on the floor below.

Recognizing modern fluorescent lighting as a distinctly new wiring problem, design engineers have approached the system layout from a new angle. Because, modern network design and the shortening of secondary feeders by the use of primary voltage distribution provides exceptional voltage stability, engineers have turned to the handy power bus as a source for feeding fluorescent lighting circuits. One plan employs bus plugs and transformers reducing conventional 480 volt power bus supply to 240 volts. The transformer secondary feeds a trolley bus which is fused as a 50 ampere subfeeder. Individual lighting units have a fusible attachment plug protecting the fixture wiring and ballasts. No lighting control is used. The fixtures are spaced for the lighting intensity desired and remain lighted as long as the power system is energized.

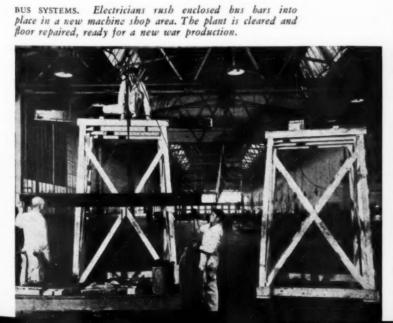
What Detroit adopts and uses so effectively cannot be drawn up as a standard of industrial wiring throughout the country. It is, characteristically, wiring for mass production. And mass production needs regular conversion year after year, even in times of peace. Extreme flexibility is of foremost importance. And high salvage valve is essential if plant costs are to be kept in line. The emphasis in Detroit is inclined toward wiring systems with low installation costs, even if the materials chosen cost considerably more on the initial job. Materials can be salvaged, some can be reused without alteration, but labor costs cannot be reclaimed. And where changes are frequent apparently costly methods prove to be the strictest economy. A similar emphasis on liberal capacity design pays off in the same way. Good regulation, ready extra power facilities and wide margins for momentary loads are more important than copper economy. In an industry where cost accountants are accustomed to figuring in fractions of a cent it is noteworthy that the quality of electrical wiring systems and equipment chosen ranks well at the top.



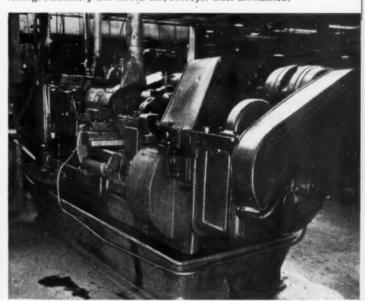
EMPTY AUTO ASSEMBLY lines wait for skilled crews to start salvaging machinery and stripping electrical equipment.



HAND TOOLS are collected, cataloged and sent to a tool pool to be drawn upon for later new production chores.



STRIPPERS WERE in action before the conveyor belts stopped rolling. Machinery was moved out, conveyor lines dismantled.

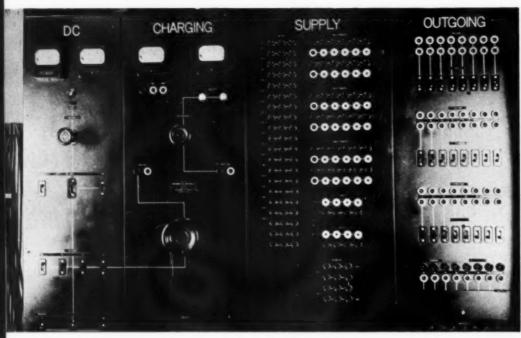


AUTOMATIC MACHINES, not immediately relocated in production lines are cataloged, tagged and sent to a common pool.

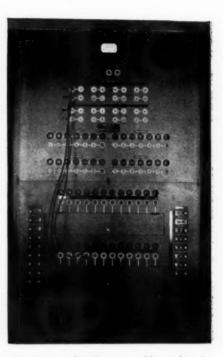
WAR PRODUCTION already under way at a Chrysler Corporation Plymouth plant—in the background space where once motor cars were assembled, is being prepared for new tools.



## WIRING A LABORATORY



MAIN PANELS provide control of direct current sources and battery charging. Plug cords distribute special d.c. voltages from supply lines to outgoing trunk circuits terminating in lab panels.



LAB PANELS distribute to table outlet circuits. Circuit breakers protect outgoing d.c. and a.c. plug receptacle circuits.

HE extensive electrical systems which modern educational laboratories require for research, study and demonstration are ingenious adaptations of conventional wiring methods with specialized switching and control equipment designed for safety, convenience and the widest possible flexibility. An installation recently completed by the Wetherbee Electric Co. for the Kansas State College in the new Physical Science Building at Manhattan, Kansas involved an electrical contract of \$58,000 or somewhat more than twice the plumbing and heating work.

The project, under the supervision of Tom I. Nall, Kansas State Architect, and Charles L. Marshall, Assistant State Architect, included a modern laboratory wiring system providing a wide selection of electrical services arranged for convenient and safe laboratory use.

The equipment consists of eight hundred laboratory outlets ranging from one to nine gang units, capable of supplying from two volts to one hundred and twenty volts of storage battery current in 2-volt steps, 110 or 220 volt single phase a.c. and 125 volt d.c. from motor generator sets at the outlets. Each laboratory outlet has the voltage, whether a.c. or d.c., and a distinguish-

ing symbol showing which circuit and panelboard it is fed from engraved upon its plate. A complete separation of various voltages and kinds of current is carried throughout the system with divider boxes and separate conduits for different kinds of current supplied. There are a total of six sub-laboratory panels on the various floors to care for circuits which are remote from the main laboratory panels. In general each of these sub-panels is fed with twenty No. 6 conductors. This large number of conductors is required in order that various combinations in 2-volt steps may be taken from the storage batteries.



LAB OUTLETS are identified with circuit numbers at the panel. Color coding and clearly engraved plates mark the various services. The terminals at the right provide battery voltages as selected at the panel.

The laboratory sub-panels are located on the second and third floors of the building, the circuits originating in the basement and on the first floor and fed from the main laboratory switchboards in the basement. The various voltages and types of current available on the main switchboards are distributed tothe sub-panels and laboratory outlets by means of single conductor all rubber cords with plugs for various outgoing circuits. In general, the design of the sub-panels is similar to the main laboratory boards with the exception that they are smaller and do not have battery charging equipment and instruments mounted on them. All of the various jacks are color coded and the outgoing circuits are protected with circuit breakers and fuses in compartments accessible from the front of the boards. There are numerous multiple transfer jacks which are used to combine circuits of the same current characteristics.

Laboratory outlets are located in the walls, on the ceilings and on the laboratory tables. As many as six and seven tables are in a room, each table having approximately sixteen different outlets. Independent of the laboratory equipment system there are three power panels which supply power to various motors and pieces of equipment through-

Modern laboratory wiring aims at maximum convenience, flexibility and safety. An installation at Kansas State by Wetherbee of Oklahoma City.

#### By G. F. Ehrlich

Wetherbee Electric Co. Oklahoma City, Okla.

out the building. The normal lighting and receptacle circuits are fed through feeders supplying three wire, three phase current to the panels, and distributing on single phase, 220 volt to the outlets. Four special panels are provided to supply 110-220 volt service where required. In addition three high capacity panels are provided to handle high capacity outlets scattered throughout the building. These circuits have not over three outlets of this type and are fed with two No. 2 conductors. Each receptacle is protected by a circuit breaker at the receptacle location.

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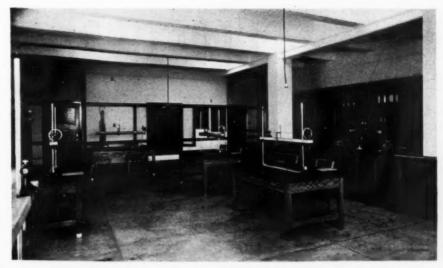
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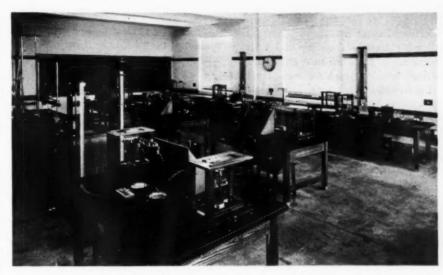
The building is arranged to handle a Department of Physics and a Department of Chemistry, each with distinct electrical laboratory equipment. The main laboratory switchboards are installed in glass enclosed rooms on the basement floor. Immediately behind is the storage battery room which contains sixty cells of Gould storage batteries of 160 ampere-hour capacity for each unit. Batteries are installed on acid proof tiered racks and the room is ventilated by forced draft ventilation. All wiring to the cells has been done with lead covered cable to avoid the corrosive effects of the storage battery fumes. A special cabinet is located in the rear of the switchboard which contains the fuses for all the battery taps entering the laboratory switchboard. Battery charging is accomplished by means of Tungar rectifier bulbs mounted on the switchboard, and in addition, a Westinghouse 5 kw. motor generator set is provided for battery charging and other 125 volt d.c. circuits. Each laboratory switchboard has its own motor generator set.

The large lecture rooms are provided with electrical outlets at the instructors table for working demonstrations and motor driven light-proof window shades darken the rooms for slides and motion pictures.

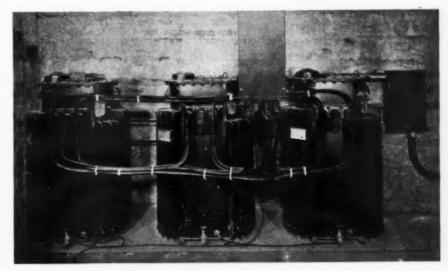
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CONVENIENT ACCESS to circuits and control are provided by the glass enclosed panelboard at the rear and cord drops from the ceiling outlets in this laboratory.



INSTRUCTOR TABLE outlets are built in and student outlets located at the walls in this laboratory. Standardized polarity plugs and terminals are used to connect equipment.



MAIN TRANSFORMER BANK reduces incoming 2300 volts to 230 volts, 3 phase delta for light and power. The neutral tap at left transformer provides 115 volts for a.c. laboratory outlets.

## **Practical Fluorescent**

Tests and checks for servicing lamps, starters and ballasts. How to shoot trouble on fluorescent lighting installations.

good working knowledge of fluorescent lighting circuits and trouble symptoms makes the average trouble shooting job a simple step-by-step procedure. The testing equipment may be as elaborate as the electrician cares to handle, but most common defects can be uncovered by the systematic use of only a voltmeter and a dummy starter. As the cure for fluorescent troubles in the field usually involves only the replacement of the defective ballast starter or lamp, the following trouble shooting and testing procedure is prepared as a guide to detecting trouble symptoms and weeding out the offending part quickly.

#### When the Lamp Fails to Light

- 1. Check the electrical connections to be sure that voltage is available. If the lamp fails to light then the following procedure is suggested to determine the cause of the trouble.
- 2. Check the starter. Remove the starter from the fixture and replace it with a "dummy" or manual starter. If the ends of the lamp glow as during the starting period and it is possible to start the lamp by quickly removing the dummy starter or by switching the

manual starter to the "off" position it may be assumed that the original starter was the cause of the trouble.

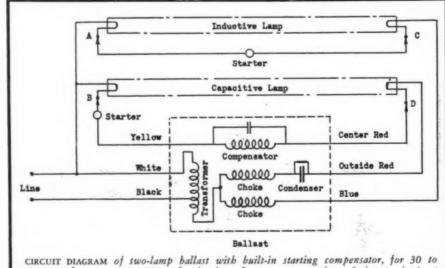
- **3.** Check the lamp. If the lamp cannot be started with the dummy or manual starter it should be checked in another fixture which is known to be operating properly, or it should be replaced by a lamp which is known to be good. If this good lamp shows no signs of life in the fixture, it indicates that there must be an open circuit. This may be due to poor contact at the sockets or it may be in the wiring or ballast.
- 4. Check for poor contact in the lamp socket. With the dummy starter in the starter socket, twist the lamp gently in the lamp sockets with the current turned on to see if proper contact can be made. The connection of the lead wires at the lamp sockets should be checked to see that they are tight. If a combination lamp socket and starter socket is used the connection between these two parts should be tight.
- 5. Check the ballast. If a check on all the above does not disclose the defective part, then the trouble must be due to a defect in the wiring or in the ballast. The wiring should be checked for an

open circuit, and if the trouble is definitely traced to the ballast it should be replaced. Some of the tests outlined in the following section may be helpful in a further analysis of the trouble.

#### **Check Improper Connections**

There are certain types of improper connections, particularly with two-lamp ballasts, which will permit the lamps to light but which may give rise to difficult starting and unsatisfactory lamp performance such as flickering, early blackening, and short lamp life. Outlined below are some tests which may be made by the use of a dummy starter to disclose these conditions as well as certain ballast defects which may be a cause of inadequate starting current or other conditions. It is suggested that these tests be made when the lamps have unusual difficulty in starting, or when the performance of the lamps in a fixture is considered unsatisfactory for other

- **6.** Remove all the starters from the fixture and put all of the lamps in place in the fixture. Lamps which have been previously checked and are known to be good should be used for all of the tests described below.
- **7.** Place the dummy starter in one of the starter sockets. There should be a glow from each end of the lamp to which the starter is connected, as during the preheating period. This is a reasonably good indication that the circuit is properly connected. Each lamp should be checked separately in this manner.
- **8.** If there is no glow from the ends of the lamp with the dummy starter in place and if the lamp does not make any effort to start when the dummy starter is quickly removed, it indicates that there is an open circuit in the wiring for that lamp.
- **9.** If there is no visible fluorescent glow from the ends of the lamp, but if the lamp does make an effort to light when the dummy starter is quickly removed, it indicates that the lamp is not receiving proper preheating current.



# Servicing

#### By Harris Reinhardt

Hygrade-Sylvania Corp.

This may be due to low line voltage, improper connections, omission of the starting compensator or improperly designed ballast. It should be emphasized that this test should be made with a lamp which is known to give normal end glow in a proper circuit.

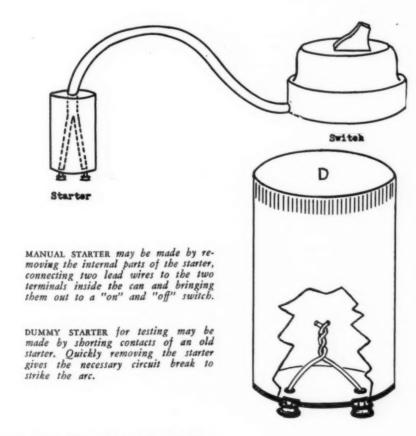
If there is a fluorescent glow from one end of one lamp and also from one end of one of the other lamps with all starters removed from the fixture except the one dummy starter, it indicates that the starter leads for the two lamps have been criss-crossed.

If there is a fluorescent glow from only one end of one lamp with only the one dummy starter in the fixture, remove all the lamps from the fixture and then insert only one end of the lamp in the one socket at which the glow previously appeared. If this end of the lamp shows a glow under this condition it indicates a short circuit or ground either in the wiring or in the ballast. The most off the line switch and after about 30

probable place for a ground is at one of seconds turn it on again with the dummy the lamp sockets, particularly if the socket is mounted on metal.

12. If the lamp lights up over its entire length and remains lighted with the dummy starter still in the socket, it indicates a condition known as resonant starting. To check this further, turn starter still in place. If the lamp lights immediately when the line switch is turned on, it definitely indicates that a resonant or cold starting condition exists. This condition occurs only in a two-lamp ballast and can occur on only the capacitive lamp. A ballast which produces resonant starting should be replaced since it will cause short lamp life.





#### **How to Shoot Trouble**

Listed below are a number of conditions or operating difficulties which might be experienced in fluorescent lamp applications, together with various practical suggestions for determining the cause and correcting the condition.

13. If the lamp blinks with definite "on" and "off" period, this may be caused by normal failure of the lamp in which case ends will be darkened and the glow during preheating period will be distinctly red, but the arc is either not established or is characterized by a shimmering effect during the short time the lamp remains lighted.

Remove the starter while the lamp is lighted and if the blinking stops then the starter is the cause. This does not necessarily mean that the starter is defective since it may be caused by:

(a) Starter of wrong size. A starter designed for 15 and 20 watt lamps, for example, will cause a 30 or 40 watt lamp to blink on and off.

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# **Cutting Welder Maintenance**

Electric welders play an important role in the fabrication of modern war implements. Here's how one large plant reduced its electric welder maintenance to a minimum.

By George Palm President, Chicago Electrical Maintenance Engineers

E are all familiar with the increasingly important part that electric welding plays in steel construction today, whether it be for railroad cars, shipbuilding or the fabrication of the numerous items that constitute military materiel. And most of us, who have worked with or among electric welder units, know the problem of maintenance, especially when the units are used in locations where the atmosphere is loaded with dust and dirt.

In the large midwest industrial plant where I have charge of all electrical and mechanical maintenance, we use electrical welding to a large extent in our production lines. In fact, we utilize about 175 portable units of the 400 ampere size. Naturally, wherever metal is fabricated, the surrounding air will be heavy with dust and dirt. All of which isn't too healthy a condition for the welders operating in that area.

#### Our Battle With Dust

Before we really began to attack the problem of electric welder maintenance we had to maintain a crew of six men, whose sole duty it was to blow the dust and dirt out of the welding units. To do a thorough job this required dismantling the unit and pulling out the armature. Conditions were such that we had to blow the welders out once a week. When you consider we had 175 units working continuously you can realize what a crimp that put into our production schedule.

With defense orders coming in and with our production schedules strained to the utmost, we just couldn't afford to take the units out of service so frequently. At the same time the presence of dust and dirt in the units reduced air circulation and hence the efficiency of the unit. So we sat down to tackle the problem once and for all.

Our first stab at the problem was to elevate as many of the units as possible to get them up off the floor so they wouldn't draw in as much dust and dirt. Wherever possible we grouped units permanently, similar to those shown in sketch No. 1.

Here we have eight units, with their portable trucks removed and mounted in a mezzanine balcony. All control equipment is consolidated on a compact board directly under the balcony. The board itself contains eight receptacles which are connected directly to the welder generators. Below these receptacles are 16 plugs which are connected under the floor to 16 receptacles spotted on columns throughout the shop area. These plugs are connected to flexible single conductor, heavy duty rubber cords which can be pulled out sufficiently so the plugs can be connected to any one of the eight receptacles above. A ground cable runs under the floor to ground all pedestals or framework on which the object to be welded rests. Thus, the return circuit is com-

The circuit breakers for the welder motors are mounted directly above the board and are connected to a long wiring trough. On either side of the board, and mounted on separate hinged frames of angle iron, are the eight control units for the welders. Four are located on each side of the board. Flexible connections at the back tie these control boxes in with the conduits leading to the welders above. When any control box needs repairs, it is simply swung out on its hinged frame and worked on from the front. All welders, controls, breakers, receptacles, plugs at the board and column receptacles are numbered to correspond to the unit to which they are connected.

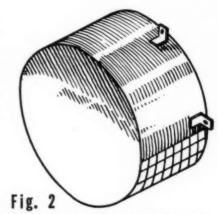
Similar compact arrangements of welder and control boards, using fewer

welders, are constructed on a framework that is portable. The complete unit can be lifted by an overhead traveling crane and placed where needed most.

Placing the welders in compact groups on mezzanines, helped tremend-

CENTRALIZED CONTROL of shop welding is accomplished by mounting units on a mezzanine with a compact control panel beneath. Numerous column receptacles can be connected to any one of the eight welder

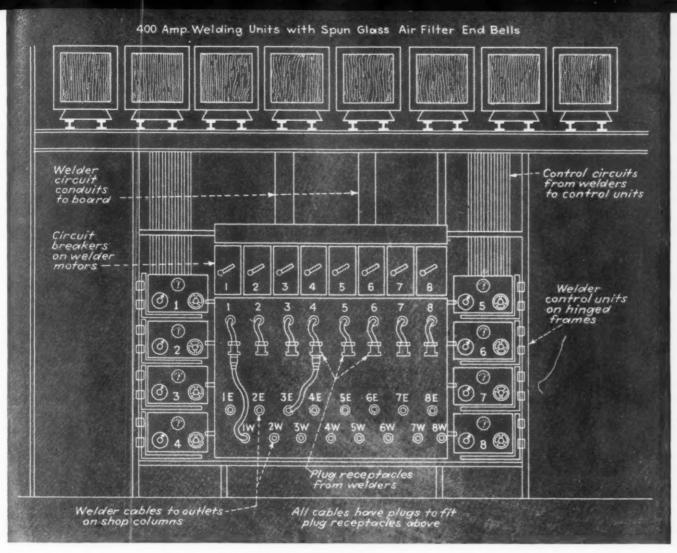
units through the plug and receptacles on the board.

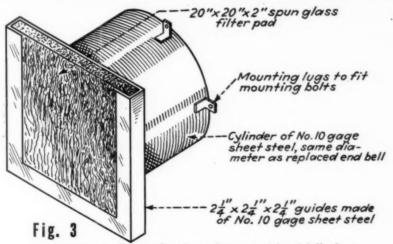


CONVENTIONAL END BELL on the welders, although almost totally enclosed, permits dirt and dust to be drawn into the motor and generator of the unit.

ously in releasing much needed floor area for working operations and centralized control to a great degree. It also reduced the welder maintenance but not as much as we desired.

The next idea we hit upon was the use of spun glass pads as air filters on the welder units. Since dust and dirt were causing much of our maintenance problem, why not filter the air circulating through the welders and get rid of the dirt?





AIR FILTER PAD of spun glass inserted in a special end bell, cleans the air that circulates through the welder unit. Maintenance of unit is drastically reduced and high operating efficiency is maintained.

However, to do this we had to have a can quickly place them on any new conventional sheet metal end shield, shown in figure 2, and replaced it with a special one we constructed, as shown in figure 3. This was made of No. 10 gauge sheet metal and fitted with a holder for a 20-in. by 20-in. by 2-in. spun glass filter pad.

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special end shield on the intake end of welder units that we may get. They the welder unit. So we removed the are built to fit the regular mounting bolts of the regular end bells of the welder.

Better than 90 percent of all the welders we have are now fitted with these air filters and soon all will be.

The filter pads really do the trick. We change the filter pads on the mez-These new end bells are made up in zanine welders only once every 30 days lots and several are kept on hand so we and on the portable units on the floor

about once every two weeks. And it doesn't require a shut-down-just pull out the dirty pad and insert a clean one. Filter pads cost about \$1.00 each and the cleaning, which is done by a company specializing in this work, costs about 50 cents per pad. Compared with our previous maintenance costs this is real economy.

The blowing out operation is done only once every three or four months now, as compared to once a week before. Now, when a welder is blown out, it is completely overhauled. And we use only one man for the maintenance job as compared to six previously.

The use of these filters need not be limited to welders used indoors. They should work equally well on outdoor work and will be of considerable help on construction jobs where dust and dirt are always prevalent.

So you can see the tremendous saving effected by the use of the filters, not only from a monetary point of view, but from the time and labor saving angle. And this is especially important today when plants are operating 24 hours a day and seven days a week. Production must be maintained at top speed and reduced maintenance such as this helps in its small way.





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N war, every venture that consumes the time and skill and thought of men is a subject for critical appraisal, but we may be proud of how our industry and the National Industrial Service Association has adapted itself to the war effort. Our members have undertaken critical war work. some on twenty-four hour schedules and have made it possible for many essential industries to meet the urgent demands for increased production, by providing thousands of additional horsepower in rebuilt motors. By acting as a clearing house for our industry, this association has rendered invaluable service in this essential work.

In an association like ours, the benefits of membership are first of all the rewards of cooperative effort. We have the opportunity to share in each others judgment and experience, to contribute and to receive the best practical knowledge that concerns our industry. And out of this free and cordial cooperation the standards of all the industry are elevated, but NISA has an impressive record of performance and services. Projects for all the members have been developed through the years. Several are now closely geared to the war effort. They include—

1. Priorities Reports. Through the central offices, reports on priorities developments are issued in bulletins to all members. Close contact with WPB headquarters in Washington keeps ma-

terial up to date and members promptly informed. NISA headquarters also interprets priority and allocation actions bearing on other industry groups where they affect members directly or indirectly.

**2.** Code of Ethics. During the past year NISA adopted a formal Code of Ethics. The high standards of business conduct and business relationships which membership in NISA demands is thus codified, published and recorded for its members as a constant reminder of the responsibilities of membership.

**3.** Certified Repairs. Further progress has been made on the certified repairs plan which sets up standards of technical ability, shop equipment and accounting practices. Many shops have voluntarily adopted the standards of practice required to operate under the plan.

**4.** Data Bureau. The central pool for exchanging rewinding data has been further built up during the past year. This file has provided urgently needed information in recent months for the rehabilitation of much old equipment drafted into essential war work. The data is accessible to all members.

**5.** Rebuilt Equipment Exchange. The facilities of NISA for exchanging information on available used equipment gives each member a list of the stocks

How the National Industrial Service Association is geared to the problems of war. A statement by the president of the motor shop organization as its members prepare for the annual Convention in Cincinnati, May 4-6.

of other members. Many essential jobs have been expedited by a telegraphic round-up of needed equipment from distant sources. The exchange speeds the return of rebuilt equipment to useful industrial work and expedites turnover on items for which there is a limited or spotty demand.

**6.** Technical Research. A committee of NISA members studies shop practices, machines and tools to advise on improved methods for the benefit of individual shops and the industry.

**7.** Cost Analysis. Factors affecting primary costs and overhead are constantly under study by committees composed of leading members of the industry, and the reports of these committees form a valuable basis of comparison for the members to determine the efficiency of their own operations.

8. Legislation. A committee keeps a vigilant watch on legislation affecting
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#### Watch for Sabotage

At a recent inspectors meeting in Buffalo a representative of FBI urged a constant watch for evidence of sabotage. Electrical inspectors, with their skillful methods and critical study of electrical systems can spot efforts at sabotage readily, he said, and they should report any suspicious conditions immediately.

The same request should be passed on to all electrical construction and maintenance men, for they can spot not only the visible attempts at sabotage but they can observe other signs of tampering that every day routine would show up. A pull box recently opened, for instance, or main circuit breaker settings altered would be immediate cause for suspicion to the man who lived with the system.

The important thing is to get an explanation for every defect or change. If the cause isn't obvious report it. It is worth making a hundred useless reports rather than let one real attempt at sabotage go unreported.

#### Check Motors Now

In converting industrial plants for new war jobs there is a necessary delay while new production lines are organized, wiring installed and new equipment set in place, an excellent opportunity to test, check and repair the motor and control equipment that will be used again.

One of the best practices, already standard in some of the automobile plants, makes a motor and control check a routine operation when a machine is shut down. An instrument test checks the insulation of the motor windings and a sub-standard reading

promptly despatches the motor to the shop for a bake and varnish or rewind if necessary. It must be remembered that equipment reused on conversion jobs is going to work for the duration, frequently on day and night schedules. A thorough overhauling now uses no production time.

#### Important Sessions

At the National Industrial Service Association convention in Cincinnati next month there will be the usual corridor shop talk and hotel room conferences on new machines and motor shop methods. But in this normally business-like, well planned meeting there will be an even more serious tone than in previous years. For the motor shop business has been turned almost completely into critically important work for the war effort.

Today service shops are working long hours to keep industrial wheels turning, to repair the inevitable wear and tear on overworked electrical equipment and in many cases to turn out essential "bits and pieces" on the unused time of machine shop equipment. They are doing a hard job well. Because in recent years through the goading of industry leaders, and the efforts of tireless committees the industry was prepared.

Compare, if you will, the clean, well equipped plants of some of NISA's leading members with the repair shops of the 20's. This change isn't the result of so many independent individuals going their own ways. It is the result of planning, a ready willingness to exchange ideas and methods and, most of all, industry thinking. It has become a point of pride for a NISA member to welcome other members to his shop and to give freely of his own

experience and judgment for the help and advancement of his fellows.

The Cincinnati meeting will reflect this attitude in the meeting room and in the lobbies. As usual the program will be down to earth with plenty of experience reports and open discussions. It will be a meeting well worth attending, even in these days when time is so scarce.

#### Controls for Window Lights

The order has finally come down from OCD that store windows and signs in some areas must be extinguished unless provisions are made for convenient or automatic switching in air raid alerts. No precise specifications on the method to be used are issued, nor is it likely that they will be necessary.

There are several ingenious devices appearing which provide automatic control. One is a photoelectric tube aimed at a nearby street light. When the street lights go out, the device opens a relay which drops out the circuit contactor.

Other automatic controls use the carrier wave of a nearby broadcasting station. A simplified radio receiver, tuned to the station, operates relay which may control the circuit contactor. A time delay device prevents momentary carrier interruption from affecting the circuit.

It is up to us now to see that the wiring and control used is safe.

#### Award and Tribute

With simple gracious ceremony, Charles E. Swartzbaugh, acting for the Committee of Awards, presented the McGraw Award Medal for Cooperation for 1940 to Earl Whitehorne posthumously. The citation, read in the flickering glow from the fireplace he loved and echoing from the rows of his well thumbed books, absorbed something of the man it honored. His widow received the medal and purse at her home.

Earl Whitehorne was informed of his selection by the award committee while he was convalescing from a serious illness. Plans for the formal award were delayed until he could assume his familiar place at the speakers table. It would have been a gala affair, for few men enjoyed such a huge circle of friends. It was not to be, however. He died last October.

Few men ever deserved the honor more than he and the judges' choice was never more popular. His practical idealism, wisdom and helpfulness exerted a vital influence on a whole generation of men and women in the electrical industry. We need more of his kind of practical idealism today. We have a big job to do. It may take radical changes in our industry relationships before this war is over.

To Earl Whitehorne, cooperation was more than good business ethics. He saw it as broad industry promotion aimed at the customers wants with every branch profiting in the forward progress of all. Rewiring especially he saw as a cooperative job. Today we are rewiring Industrial America for war. So far we are doing the job by conventional business methods. But conversion may prove a staggering load to handle by individual efforts. It may take a type of cooperative group that has not yet appeared; a group of specialists in industrial wiring with a complete consulting engineering staff prepared to take over conversion work at a 24 hour pace with only a machine layout to start.

#### Further Wage Increases Dangerous

Contractors on the West Coast have been notified by union business agents that they want to negotiate for an upward revision of wage rates. The parade was started by the plumbers and before it finishes the spiral of inflation will have run up several more notches and the war, costly enough at best, will run up in cost still higher. For it may have to be paid for, not in the inflated dollars of today, but in the deflated ones of tomorrow.

These demands for wage increases come, they say, from increased costs of living. True, but the spiral of wages contributes to higher living costs.

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It all arises from an unwillingness to face the hard and unwelcome fact that this war must be paid for out of current earnings as well as future ones. That means reducing the present standards of living to pay out of present wages and salaries these increased costs of bare living, eliminating luxuries, getting down to plain old fashioned hard work and lean living because the stake is worth the price. It means, instead of kidding ourselves

with ideas of higher wages to pay increased living costs, that we learn to take a pride in getting along on less, living a harder but healthier life, take pleasure in accomplishing this seemingly impossible job of out-producing, out-fighting, out-toughening our enemies.

#### **New Joint** Method Needed

Because of the critical rubber shortage, quantities of high grade rubber tape are available in some areas only on high priority ratings. And there is some talk of developing new methods of insulating joints to preserve high insulation resistance standards on wiring systems and for essential repair jobs.

One method proposes the use of ordinary cotton tape, familiar in the motor shop, sealed on with friction tape and the entire joint dipped in an insulating

The problem deserves the most careful study. The unusually excellent rubber splicing tapes of recent years has us badly spoiled. Applied with any reasonable skill, it made anything but a perfectly insulated joint next to impossible.

Other insulating means, with the exception of the ceramic or plastic connectors, will require a greater measure of skill and a consequent increase in labor units where splices are involved. Consequently, it is unlikely that substitute methods will displace the preferred rubber tape if it can be obtained. With the present outlook in rubber supply, however, we ought to have appropriate methods at hand.

#### Idle Tools Are Wanted

There is still much idle machine tool capacity in the land that could be fighting the Axis. In motor shops, for instance, there are often unused machines side-tracked for want of repair and replaced by more modern

Idle machine tools should be rounded up and recorded with the War Production Board at once. For each available machine that can be put into useful production now steps up our war goals by the number of man hours it would take to produce a new tool. And even moments count.



#### Surveys Help Conversion

To the Editor—"Your editorial 'Surveys for Conversion' is very interesting and, I think, calls attention to a desirable and necessary activity. Certainly conditions are such that more and more contractors and wiremen, particularly the smaller organizations, are going to find themselves in a position where they cannot go ahead with some regular lines of work. If these organizations spend a little time and energy in following up the kind of surveys which you have suggested, it should put them in a position to make important recommendations to employers and building owners.

ommendations to employers and building owners.
"At the same time it may be that in some surveys these men will find there are certain plants which are now equipped in such a way as to be adapted for special work which must be done and I would think that it would be very helpful to all concerned to have this information. "I think your articles are decidedly helpful."

J. E. Wise, Electrical Engineer

J. E. Wise, Electrical Engineer Industrial Commission State of Wisconsin

More and more the electrical system is becoming a vital link between the past process and the new var work in industrial conversion. The conversion can be speeded and the usefulness of the wiring system for future changes enhanced by a good survey job on the existing wiring and equipment ahead of time.

#### "Didn't Like It"

To the Editor—"Your editorial on 'Didn't Like It' in the March issue of Electrical Contracting was read with interest. I think this editorial was uncalled for, I happen to be a contractor in one of the interior towns that you spoke of, however, fortunate in the fact that I do have material to finish up the work that I have started.

"I feel sorry for the contractors that have started work and then find that they cannot get the material to finish up the job. These men are to be pitied not criticized.

cized.

"I am located quite a distance from the defense industry centers in this state. There are many contractors located just as I am and I don't blame them for figuring every job that came up in their locality, some of this work probably meant their existence in order that they could stay in business and serve their community."

T. J. Bowman, Altavista, Va.

T. J. Bowman, Altavista, Va.

The editorial "Didn't Like It" was neither critical nor directed at those contractors who are cautiously using existing stocks to carry on. It was a warning to those who blindly or deliberately take on work under binding contracts for which they do not have and cannot obtain materials. For those who took such contracts before the critical materials situation was fully evident, there is deep concern and in many instances priorities assistance with a PD-1. When the time comes, and it must come soon, when Washington takes some action to help preserve the very essential public service performed by electrical contractors in areas where there is not enough priorities work to permit commercial survival under present restrictions, our case won't be helped by evidence of "business as usual" or attempts to circumvent the law of the land.

A thorough knowledge of priorities and materials available is the first responsibility of every contractor today. It comes ahead of estimating or sales work or even labor relations. Our deepest sympathy for the plight of any group or individual cannot alter that simple fact. We are no more justified in ignoring priority rules in our contract relations because we need a job than we would be in bidding below cost.

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#### RETURN CURRENTS

To provide experimental data on bare neutral wiring, engineers of the Kansas City Power & Light Co., in cooperation with the Squire Electric Company, electrical contractors, Kansas City, Mo., applied uninsulated neutral design in a warehouse. Current readings were taken at several points on the return circuit under conditions of maximum unbalance produced by opening each outside service conductor alternately.

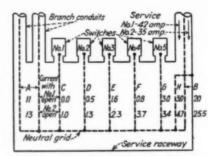
The building is an all-metal structure, 60 by 120 ft. Service conductors, three No. 6 wires on single phase, 3-wire, 115/230 volts, enter a service raceway of 16-gage galvanized metal, 28-in. long, 6-in, wide and 2½-in. deep.

Five 3-pole, 30 amp., S.N. service switches are mounted on a metal support above the service raceway. The line side of the switches are paralleled across the service conductor, the load side provides five 3-wire, branch circuits to the building.

The load consists of three rows of lights, nine to a row, lengthwise of the building, three plug receptacles and



OUTLET CONNECTION showing the bare neutral bond within the outlet box.



of return current test and readings obtained.

eight exterior floodlights. The electric metallic tubing system and fixtures are suspended from roof trusses with the additional support of a fa-in. messenger strand. Two conduits from junction boxes in the conduit runs extended to the service raceway.

The "hot" wires are type RP, No. 12, conductors. The neutral conductor is a bare No. 12, forming a solid network through the system bonded to each outlet box and to each service switch.

In testing the distribution of current flow under conditions of maximum unbalance, readings were taken in each part of the return circuit. With one service conductor open and 35 amp. flowing through the opposite side, 20 amp. appeared at the service neutral, of which 11 amperes returned by way of the neutral conductors and the rest through the conduit system. The remainder of the current, 15 amperes, returned by the way of the building frame to the transformer neutral ground.

#### REEL TRAILERS

Dual-wheeled reel trailers coupled to trucks complete with boom equipment were used by the H. P. Foley Company, electrical contractors of Washington, D. C., to pull in some sixty-odd miles of lead covered cables over an area of more than 700 acres at the new Washington National Airport.



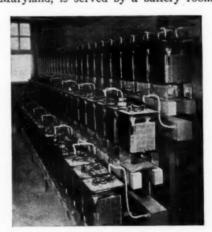
MOTORIZED TRAILER and truck units facilitate measuring and installing underground cables for various field lighting circuits at the Washington National Airport.

The booms were used to hoist reels on and off the trailers. One truck-trailer combination would ride along the underground conduit run paying out the single conductor cable to be cut to proper length. A second unit would follow to rewind the three, six or whatever multiple of single cables were for that conduit, on a second reel which would be deposited with the trailer at the proper feed-in handhole. The truck would then unhook and go to the pulling handhole, attach the fish cable and pull in the conductors.

Use of these methods permitted the contractor to transport men and install material along the mile-long runways and around the periphery of the field in record time.

#### STORAGE Battery Rack

The multiple voltage laboratory of the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, is served by a battery room



STEEL TROUGHS with removable and bushed covers enclose conductors from multi-voltage switchboard to this storage battery rack.

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A spare double-tier rack is provided in the far corner of the room, complete with coiled battery leads for a future bank of cells. The entire electrical installation was made by E. C. Ernst, Inc., electrical contractors of Washington, D. C.

#### **ADJUSTABLE** LADDER RACK

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Ladders can be the handiest devices or the biggest nuisances, depending on where they are-on the job working, or cluttering up the place while off the job. But ladders have a place of their own and are generally in their place at the new shop of California Electric Co., of Oakland, Calif.

One of the chief convenience features of the new place is a drive-in yard



LADDER RACK with adjustable sup-ports is suspended from the joists of an outdoor shed.

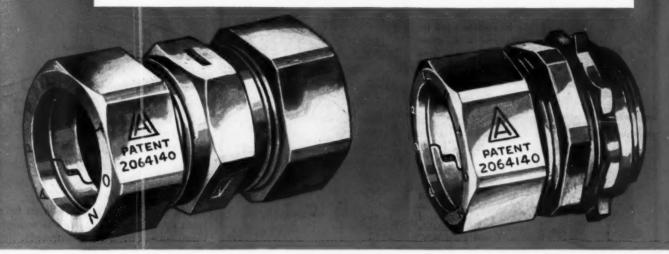
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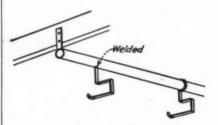
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for the company's cars and trucks, to load and unload, or park off of the street. In a corner of the yard is a shed for temporary storage of heavy stuff used on construction. The rafters of this low shed provided Dan Bronson, manager, with an idea for storing the ladders. The method is convenient and space saving and could be used in any kind of storage room.



SUPPORTS for the ladders are made in a square hook, one fixed, the other movable.

Pipe racks are fastened to the ceiling joists by means of welded straps. The pipes, in parallel, clear the joists by an inch or two. Near one end is welded a fixed square hook (as illustrated). Sliding freely so as to be adjusted to any length ladder is another such hook, made of heavy iron rod. Two ladders can be hung from each pair of hooks. A ladder is hooked first over the sliding hook, pushed along and lifted to the fixed hook. Removing is just as easy. They are off the ground, out of the way, always handy.

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## LAMPS...THE WAR ...AND YOU!

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#### WAR PUTS EXTRA BURDEN ON EYES

There will be homes where a lot of extra eye work will be done . . . extra studying . . . sewing . . . overtime war work. They will be looking to you for their supply of G-E MAZDA lamps.

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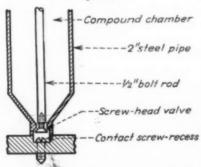
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#### COMPOUND DISPENSER

The Central Armature Works, Washington, D. C., had occasion to fill, with sealing compound, a large number of contact and screw holes on switch and contactor mounting bases used in their electrical construction business. So.

SPOT SEALING of contact screw recesses is simplified and speeded up by the use of this compound dispenser. Electric or flame heat may be applied to cylinder.



VALVE DETAIL showing construction of routed out nozzle and screw-head valve which regulates the flow of the sealing compound.

Walter Bailey, shop foreman, designed and built a simple compound dispenser to speed up the job.

The device consists of a 2-inch steel pipe container with a funnel shaped nozzle on the bottom. This container is supported by an L-shaped flat iron bracket which slides along a vertical

½-inch bolt rod about 12-inches long. The top of this rod is welded to a flat iron and angle iron bracket which fits into an ordinary machinist's vise. The bottom of the rod is drilled and tapped for a flat head screw which forms the cut-off valve in the funnel nozzle. The nozzle is routed out to form a seat for the screw-head valve.

When the compound is heated in the dispenser by a torch or electric heater, the container slides freely on the vertical rod. Pressing the screw cavity against the nozzle raises the dispenser and opens the valve. When this pressure is released, the container drops and closes the valve. With the use of this handy device, one mechanic filled 7,000 screw cavities in approximately three hours.

### OVEN

Moving heavy equipment in and out of this large bake oven at the Electrical Engineering and Service, Inc., shop at Westfield, Mass., is no problem. The reason—they installed a chain hoist directly above the oven.



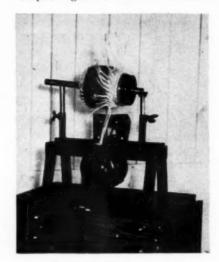
DRUDGERY ELIMINATED. This oven hoist makes handling heavy equipment a pleasure in this motor shop. A yank on the chain—a push on the trolley—and the motor is in the oven

A sturdy iron framework supports a long I beam on which the hoist travels. This beam extends well beyond the front of the oven to permit the equipment to be dipped in the portable dipping tanks, then rolled into the oven to be baked. When the hoist is out of the oven, a cover is placed over the opening in the top of the oven to keep the heat in. Much non-productive labor and muscle straining are eliminated by this simple mechanism.

#### ARMATURE LEAD STRIPPER

Rewound armature leads are quickly stripped of their insulation on this simple device developed by the motor repair department of A. L. Brown Associates, Inc., Worcester, Mass.

The unit is supported by an inverted V-shaped angle and channel iron frame-



STRIPPING LEADS of rewound armatures is simplified by the use of this wire brush stripping mechanism developed by a Worcester, Mass., motor repair shop.

work with a horizontal cross piece. Mounted on top of this cross bar are two steel brushes which revolve in opposite directions in a vertical plane. They are driven by a motor mounted on the under side of the horizontal bar.

The armature is supported by V-shaped slots in steel pins. These adjustable pins telescope into vertical conduit nipples welded to a channel mounted on the horizontal support. Thumb type set screws hold the pins rigidly at any desired height. For smaller armatures or those with short shafts, the supporting pins are equipped with longer pieces of angle iron to form the V slot.

To strip the leads, the armature is placed on the support and slowly revolved as each group of leads is skinned by the revolving brushes. The unit has sufficient weight so it need not be bolted down, giving it some portability.



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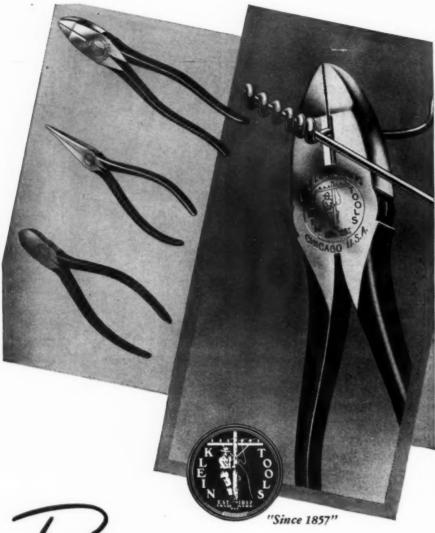
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#### SECOND FLOOR REEL RACK

Valuable space is saved at the motor repair shop of the J & H Electric Company, Providence, R. I., by keeping the stock of magnet wire on the second floor stock room. Although the winding department is on the first floor, the reel



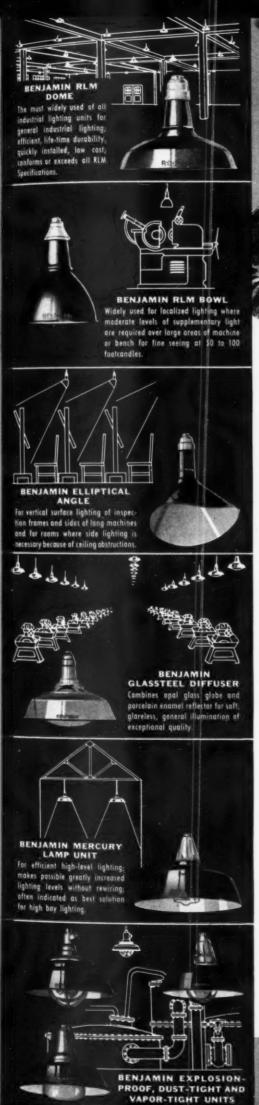
VERTICAL RACK on second floor stock room supports reels feeding magnet wire to the motor winding department on the first floor of this Providence, R. l. repair shop. More space is thus provided for machinery in the winding department.

rack feeding the winding machines is on the second floor adjacent to the magnet wire stock.

The rack is made of angle iron and is mounted to the stock room shelves and floor. It tapers off as it reaches the ceiling. Angle iron cross pieces on the triangular framework support a total of six reels. The supporting reel rod has a leather washer friction device to prevent the magnet wire from unwinding too fast. The wire passes over smooth, bearing mounted wooden rollers and goes through an opening in the floor to the winding department below. The wire tension device for the winding machine is located adjacent to it on the first floor.

#### SHAFT EXTENSION

One of the repair problems encountered by the A. W. White Co. of Oklahoma City in serving oil field motors is shaft extension. Breakage under the exceptionally severe service of well drilling is common and this concern has per-





## One or More of These Lighting Problems?

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In this booklet are contained specific examples of how the application of Benjamin Specifications for factory lighting can solve specific lighting problems, such as are briefly described in the left-hand column. Reading this book will give you a clearer insight on how Benjamin Specifications for

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The unretouched night photograph shown above, was taken in the Assembly and Final Inspection Department of a large manufacturer. Wheeler "Day-Flo" Fluorescent Units provide an average illumination of 50 footcandles on the working plane — abundant illumination for workers to see easily at all times.

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fected a technique which makes a quick and strong repair.

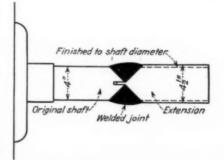
The broken shaft is beveled to 45 deg. and a \(\frac{3}{8}\)-in. hole drilled to a depth of about 1-in. at the center. The shaft extension is similarly prepared from a piece about \(\frac{1}{2}\)-inch larger in diameter



SHAFT REPAIRS by welding and careful machine work extended this 4-inch shaft on a 200 hp. motor 8 inches for a direct connected drive.

than the broken shaft. A close fitting pin holds the new extension to the shaft.

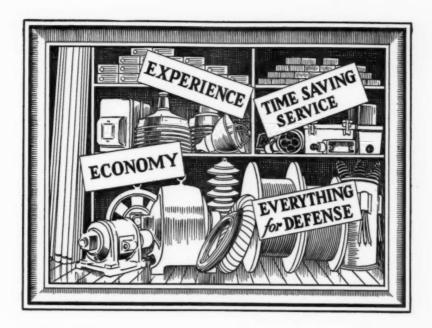
Electric welding with No. 5 Fleetweld rod is used to build up to joint to a diameter larger than the extension.



WELDED JOINT and oversize extension are trimmed down to shaft size. Ultimate strength of joint is equal to original shaft with good welding.

The assembly is then cut down on a lathe to the diameter of the original shaft.

Careful welding and machine work makes a joint that has the full strength of the shaft. Expert workmanship is essential, however, as equipment used in oil field service is subject to very severe use and must be able to stand up.



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#### COMBINATION LIGHTING

Mercury and filament combinations have been quite extensively used, especially in the lighting of high-bay areas, although for many types of work they can be used at low mountings.

There is a two-fold reason for recommending the combination system. First



DEFENSE LIGHTING with combination mercury and filament lamps provides 42 foot-candles of illumination in this plant.

is the matter of color quality. The combination of the blue-green light of the mercury lamp with the warmer color of the filament lamps results in a pleasing color that gives the effect of daylight. For the best appearance of colors under this synthetic daylight, equal quantities of light from the Type H mercury lamps and the filament lamps are recommended. Where color is not a factor then equal wattages are entirely satisfactory.

The second reason for the combination system is that of continuity of service. If there is an occasional interruption of electric service, or if there are wide fluctuations in voltage, both of which would cause the mercury lamp to go out, work could still be carried on during the seven minutes required for the 400-watt mercury lamp to restart.

The photo shows an excellent example of a combination system of filament and mercury lamps on an alternate staggered arrangement in a large eastern defense industry. Each outlet has one 1000-watt bi-post base filament lamp and two 400-watt Type H mercury lamps. The units are on 20 by  $16\frac{2}{3}$  foot spacings and mounted 44 feet above the floor. The average illumination is 42 foot-candles.

#### LIGHT FOR SELLING

Walker's Market on Arnett Blvd., Rochester uses a lighting system with a high direct component to punch light on to the merchandise and thus focus attention on the different packaged material placed in the open type displays.

The units used are the Curtis Directors. These are equipped with 300-watt lamps and located on 7- by 8-foot



ADDED SALES PUNCH is given merchandise in this market by the direct down light component from the incandescent ceiling fixtures. Recessed units are used over wall shelves.

centers to provide 35 foot-candles of general lighting.

Recessed units are also employed to put light on to the shelving seen in the left background of the illustration. These units are on 3½ foot centers 3 feet from the shelving.

#### FLUORESCENT LIGHTS AT WOOLWORTH'S

The Woolworth store, in Detroit, Mich., is completely lighted with fluorescent lighting. The entire basement, first and second floors are uniformly illuminated by over 3,000 ft. of continuous rows of fluorescent fixtures to a level of from 60 to 75 footcandles. A



FLUORESCENT TROFFERS, suspended from the ceiling, light this busy drafting room and office to an approximate intensity of 50 foot-candles. The Miller units are single tube 40-watt sections coupled end to end in continuous rows spaced on 3½-foot centers. The mounting height is 8 feet.



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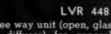
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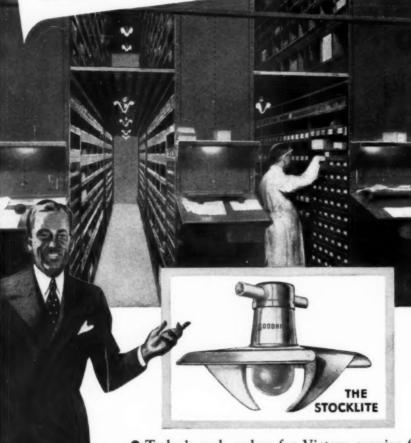
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This unit is engineered for window lighting. Designed to give a complete spill of light over entire window with added light at the display planes because of focusing angle of reflector. Furnished in 8 sizes Finished in "Plastox" white.

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Modern Lighting

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bright and cheerful appearance is prevalent throughout the store, due to light colored walls, ceilings and floors. The brightness of the ceiling between the continuous rows of fixtures averages 22 foot lamberts, while the wall brightness varies between 27-37 foot lamberts. The average illumination on a vertical plane at counter height is equal to 40 footcandles.

The lighting units, arranged in con-



CONTINUOUS ROWS of fluorescent fixtures in this Woolworth's store produces from 60 to 75 footcandles.

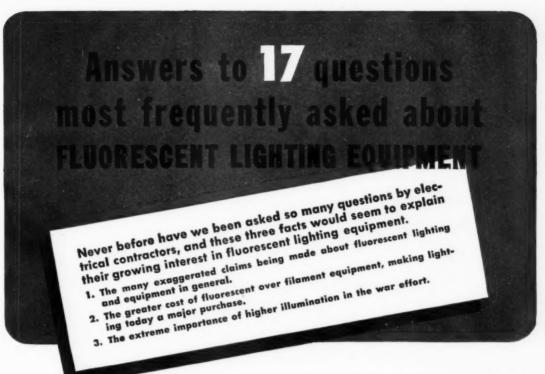
tinuous sections up to 88 ft. in length are Barkon-Frink 7,000 series direct type mounted on the ceiling. Each unit contains three 40-watt, 3500° K mazda F lamps, wired so that three levels of illumination are obtainable. The fixture is completely enclosed with hinged panels to allow for easy maintenance. The total watts per square foot, including auxiliary loss is 3.6.

#### FOOT-CANDLES FOR SELLING

Fluorescent lighting has proved particularly popular for men's wear stores. Since merchandise is predominantly dark and has such subtle differences in color and pattern, high foot-candles of the right quality are necessary for good merchandise presentation and customer satisfaction.

The photograph shows what is probably one of the best lighted men's shops in the country. It is the J. L. Hickey store in Detroit, Michigan. The section shown is lighted by a troffer system equipped with three rows of 48-inch white fluorescent lamps, suitably louvered to eliminate any possibility of direct glare from the lamps. Indirect





It seems timely, therefore, to answer the more frequent questions in this REPORT TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.

Is there any one best kind of industrial lighting? Yes, continuous-row fluorescent lighting is proclaimed "the new standard for industry" by lighting authorities.

Is there any one best continuous-row lighting system? We think MILLER 50 FOOT CANDLER, 100 FOOT CANDLER and MILLER TROFFERS are measurably superior to any other equipment on the market today. The MILLER System was the *original* continuous-row lighting system.

When were the first MILLER installations made? MILLER Fluorescent Systems have been in use since January, 1940.

How many installations have been made? Over 135 miles of MILLER Fluorescent Lighting Systems are in use.

In what kinds of plants? In armories, arsenals, airplane and parts plants, in the factories of all types of offense suppliers.

What kind of deliveries are you making? Deliveries are moving smoothly, fast and ahead of building schedules as a rule. And no major installation goes in without a MILLER engineer on the job.

What about priorities? We like many other manufacturers are dependent on material

allocation. We are cooperating 100 percent with the war program.

Are you biased in favor of fluorescent? No. MILLER offers a complete line of fluorescent and filament lighting equipment for every commercial and industrial need.

What is the significance of the names 50 FOOT CANDLER and 100 FOOT CANDLER? The 50 FOOT CANDLER, using 40-watt Mazda F lamps, is designed to provide a minimum of 50 foot candles of illumination, and the 100 FOOT CANDLER, using 100-watt Mazda F lamps, a minimum of 100 foot candles when mounted and spaced on centers prevailing in the average plant.

Are MILLER Lighting Systems priced low, medium or high? A direct comparison of "fixture cost" is not possible because these units are more than a "fixture" for they provide a complete lighting system, wireway channels, auxiliaries, wire and reflectors, making possible savings of from 30 to 50% in the cost of installation.

Are 50 FOOT CANDLERS and 100 FOOT CANDLERS suitable for lighting offices, drafting rooms, and similar locations? They are, but MILLER TROFFERS, Continuous Recessed Fluorescent Lighting System, are recommended for use with acoustical or other hung ceiling constructions. More than 25 miles of MILLER TROFFERS are in service today.

Any "bugs" to be eliminated from these 3 lighting systems? No. They carry MILLER's guarantee, and have been

proven by more than two years' intensive service in manufacturing and war plants of all kinds.

What do you mean "Guaranteed"? Each fixture comprising either of these lighting systems carries a written guarantee backed by The Miller Company's 98 years of specialization in lighting equipment.

Have you any actual figures on increased production with MILLER 50 FOOT CANDLERS? In one group of textile mills, for example, where accurate records were kept, MILLER 50 FOOT CANDLERS are credited with (1) Increase in weaving efficiency from 81% to 84%, with a decrease of 22% in mending costs; (2) Increase of weaving efficiency from 83% to 87.7% with a decrease of 25% in mending costs.

What about maintenance? Simple in the extreme. The porcelain-enameled reflectors are easy to remove and clean.

What of the future? Any plant can be rearranged, or laid out for entirely different work without touching the MILLER Lighting System. Should you want greater illumination, you can get up to 45% more without adding new fixtures.

How do we go about getting complete specifications on the MILLER Continuous Fluorescent Lighting System? Wire The Miller Company direct, at Meriden, Conn., or phone our nearest representative.



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pendant units are equipped with two rows of white lamps.

The foot-candles range from 120 directly under the troffer unit, which is the real point of sale, to 50 foot-candles in the other areas.

In the left background are the pajama and shirt displays. The pajama sign is easily seen from a distance and thus customer service is expedited. The cove lighting of course serves the further function of illuminating the ceiling in this area. The lamps used are 40-watt white mazda fluorescents.



COLOR CONTRAST in clothing is highlighted by the fluorescent lighting in this Detroit men's shop. Indirect and cove units provide ceiling illumination.

## Lighting a CLOTHING STORE

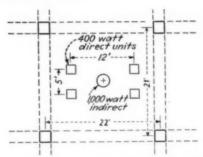
## Incandescent

PROBLEM-To provide adequate illumination of proper quality for effective merchandising of men's clothing.

CONSTRUCTION DATA-The main floor is approximately 80 by 100 feet with column bays about 21 by 22 feet. The ceiling, 16 feet high, is finished in flat light cream.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM—The area is lighted by a combination of direct and indirect incandescent lighting. In each bay are four direct units, surface mounted with four 100-watt reflectors and 8-inch lenses in each. These units are supplemented by a 1000 watt indirect luminaire in each bay.

RESULTS-An average of 45 foot-candles after four months' operation. The load is of illumination is provided at counter height



LAYOUT PLAN shows the spacing of ceiling units and indirect supended luminaires.

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They get fixtures certified as meeting these important specifications by thorough test of impartial experts... famous Electrical Testing Laboratories, New York.

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This label saves time for their purchasing department. Tests you might expect them to make have already been made by independent experts.

They get Certified ballasts and starters—vital to efficient operation. No fixture can be dependable without positive check on this important control equipment.

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This label means efficient operation and efficient use of the wiring system. This is especially important with today's demand on electric power.

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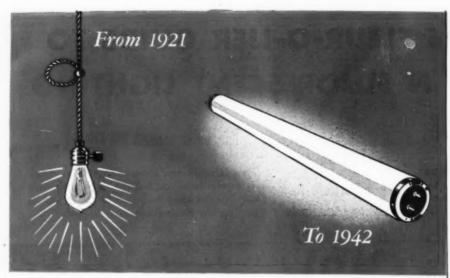
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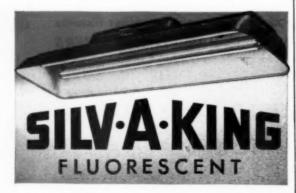
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SILV-A-KING MAKES Light WORK FOR YOU ing of the lamp.

### Practical Fluorescent Servicing [FROM PAGE 23]

(b) Improper line voltage. Line voltage either above or below recommended range may cause starter to blink lamp on and off.

(c) Improperly designed ballast. An improperly designed ballast may cause an improper lamp voltage and cause starter to blink lamp.

In a two-lamp ballast it is possible to criss-cross the starter leads or improperly connect the compensator so that the lamp may flash continuously or for a long period of time before lighting.

14. If ends of lamp remain permanently lighted with no effort to strike an arc, a short circuit in the starter is the most likely cause. This can be readily checked by removing the starter to see if the lamp will light or by replacing the starter by one which is known to be operating properly.

Other possible causes are incorrect wiring or ground in wiring or ballast. The most likely place for a ground to occur is at one end of the lamp sockets, particularly if it is mounted on metal.

15. If lamps blacken at ends early in life, the most probable cause is improper starting. Excessive starting current or improper operating current and loose contact in lamp sockets may also produce early darkening.

**16.** If average lamp life seems short, check burning record. The records of average lamp life should be as accurate as possible. If they definitely indicate short lamp life any one, or a combination of any two, or more, of the following conditions may be the cause:

- (a) Performance not judged on average life basis.
- (b) Lamps started too frequently.
- (c) Improper starting.
- (d) Improper ballast equipment.
- (e) Improper line voltage.
- (f) Improper connections.
- (g) Loose contact in lamp sockets.
- (h) Improper surrounding temperatures.

17. If lamps flicker, swirl or snake, check the starter. Occasionally slight flickering or swirling appears in a new lamp but clears up or ages out as the lamp is burned. Turning lamp off for a few moments will frequently aid in stopping the flickering or swirling.

The most common cause of continued flickering or swirling is improper starting of the lamp

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## dustrial fication THE rapid swing to all-out war production from the normal products of commerce is a major operation in our industrial life. Much of the physical work of "conversion" is electrical. New wiring systems must be installed. Existing ERING · INSTALLATION · MAINTENA motor and control equipment must be adapted to new machines and

## **ELECTRICAL AIDS TO** PLANT CONVERSION

schedules. Service entrance equip-ment and transformers must be en-larged, replaced or paralleled with new for increased electrical loads. Just as conversion to war work is the urgent responsibility of every industrial plant with usable facilities today, rewiring to meet the added electrical burden is the urgent responsibility of electrical gent responsibility of electrical departments and industrial contractors. And in the conversion it is well to look ahead to further changes as wer demands call for

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ONVERTING a plant to war production may involve electrical changes from complete rewiring and new electrical equipment to minor circuit changes and re-location. In most conversion jobs existing facilities are used to the extent that they fit the new work to be done. But every conversion job requires skillful planning in adapting new and existing electrical equipment to new production lines.

A great many things not normally produced in peace, such as tanks, guns, and airplanes must be made. But these are built principally from component parts which are regular products with minor changes. Also required will be shoes, gloves, hats, cooking equipment, mattresses, wheel-barrows, shovels, surgical instruments and medical supplies, as well as such items as wallets, gardenhose, buckets, sponges, or flag-staff bands. The major change is in the number of each item which must be turned out. If your product is related to a needed article, some government agency probably will want all you can manufacture.

The amount of war production to be made in existing plants must not be obscured by headlines given the Chrysler Tank plant or the Ford Bomber plant. Some of the major suppliers of war materials have built new plants. Tanks are being made in plants formerly devoted to building railroad equipment. Machine guns are being turned out where axles were formerly made. Small arms parts are produced where sewing machines and typewriters were made. Army and Navy radios come from commercial radio plants. Surgical instrument makers are supplying armed-force

None of these cases is spectacular. Tanks do not differ greatly from heavy railroad equipment; machine guns resemble axles, the fine machine work on small arms parts is quite similar to that on sewing machines and typewriters; radio is still radio; and the surgical instrument makers simply stepped up

In each instance, someone established the article which could be produced with the least amount of change in existing plants. Orders were placed. The machines started on their new assign-

A few of the factors involved in this task must be mentioned.

Custom production has small place in the war program. Mass output is compulsory on almost every item, for each

MACHINES are moved with electrical equipment intact. Converted feeders must sufficient capacity to readily handle new machine arrangements.



individual need is multiplied many times. The machine which was satisfactory for custom work must be altered, refurnished, or relocated for production work. There will be little chance of securing special machinetools, for new plants being built for special purposes will get first claim. There is even the possibility that high-precision tools now owned may be taken from you if some other plant can make better use of them.

#### **Exacting Specifications**

Specifications on government purchases are much more rigid than has been common in commercial practice. The tolerances are much closer, and machines must be maintained in better condition if these limits are to be met. Inspections are much more severe. Minor flaws which have been unobjectionable in commercial use might cost a fighting man's life.

In spite of any present discussion about labor, keep in mind that there will not be enough men to turn out all the materials scheduled to be made. Considered with each revision of machine or method should be the possibility of reducing man-power, or of making the work light enough to be done by women. Also, skilled men will be needed in key positions in the many new plants being erected, therefore attention should be given to devising ways of making operations automatic or simple enough to require an attendant.

Greater emphasis must be given to reduction of lost time from accident and sickness. In spite of the very successful safety campaigns of the past, the number of productive man-hours lost through accident and sickness are at a rate sufficiently high to cut possible output appreciably. New facilities should be incorporated which will help reduce accidents and the spread of sickness.

#### Reduction of lost machine hours

Because war material is so completely the output of machines, every effort must be made to keep machines in productive operation the greatest number of hours daily. A machine waiting for material, for make-ready, or for change of dies or molds, is a machine out of production even if the attendant's time is fully occupied. The reason for this waiting time should be established, and the number of idle hours reduced. Since, in case of attack at home, production will he more vital than ever, those things necessary to keep the wheels turning during blackouts or other protective activities must be provided.

The electrical department will be involved in each of these activities. By

taking advantage of the many electrical aids which are available, conversion to mass production on war work can be made easier.

A system review will establish present electrical capacities, and the flexibility of present equipment. After manufacturing revisions have been planned, the electrical system will be restudied to discover what changes must be made to suit the new conditions best.

Electrical facilities naturally start with the Power Company connection or the generators. Total of present and available electrical capacity can be learned easily. Care should be exercised to insure that the maximum amount of this capacity is available for active loads. Power-factor should be maintained at a



ARMORED VARNISHED CAMBRIC feeders cut rewiring time in a shell plant. Multi-conductor cables with interlocked flexible steel armor are adaptable to many conversion wiring jobs.

level higher than has previously been considered economical. The urgency of making full use of equipment rather than the bonus on the power contract or the number of kilowatt hours saved will be the determining factor.

Distribution of electrical energy through the plant may be of a type which uses excess materials, causes excess losses, and makes for poor operating conditions. If load increases are contemplated, an extensive rearrangement of the distribution system may make a new installation much cheaper to put in and more efficient to operate.

Placing transformers near major load centers allows the use of small wire from the power source to the load center. At higher voltage, the losses are less, and maintaining correct voltage for efficient operation of motors and other electrical equipment is much simpler. Larger motors should operate at this higher voltage to avoid the necessity for additional transformers and copper, and to extend transformer capacity to cover a greater amount of load not adaptable to high-voltage use. Large air-compressors, pumps, motor-generators, mill motors and similar units are adaptable to high-voltage supply. Synchronous motors will help improve the over-all

power-factor without adding much to the total cost of the equipment.

Load centers should be located so that sub-feeders are short, limiting the amount of large copper needed, and reducing line loss. If sub-feeders are of enclosed busbar construction, load may be tapped off at frequent intervals without affecting the efficiency of the installation. Should the load be scattered over a wider area, the bus feeders may be tied together to form a ring which will help to maintain proper voltage at all points on the ring.

This type of distribution, having convenient power outlets every few feet, permits easy shifting of machines should rescheduling show that a different arrangement is more productive. It will also permit the addition of new machines in a production line without running new sub-feeder circuits. On mass production, flexibility of installation and operation carries a high premium, for machine hours are gained from time otherwise taken up by maintenance and plant rearrangement.

One lesson learned from the automobile production line has been the volume of operations which can be performed quickly with specialized hand tools. By having the proper tool conveniently located, minutes are saved on each of innumerable jobs. This practice can be profitably adopted by war material makers. But its success is dependent upon a multiplicity of convenience outlets so that the hand tool may be used at the proper time and place. If a bus with movable contacts is used, the tool may move with the work or as needed.

These same convenience outlets may supply energy for additional lighting designed for specific duties. If the contacts are movable, the lights may be brought together for high intensity inspection, or separated for increased illumination at many points.

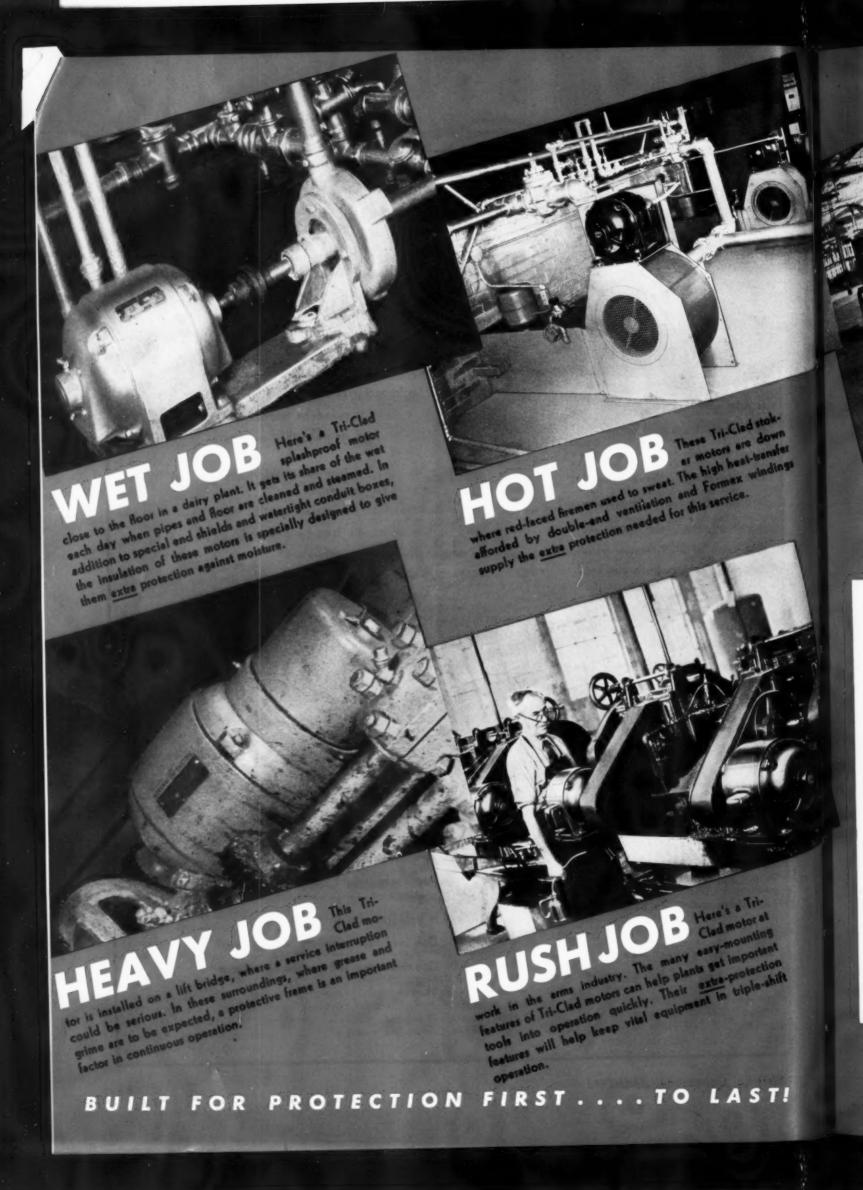
#### Old wiring

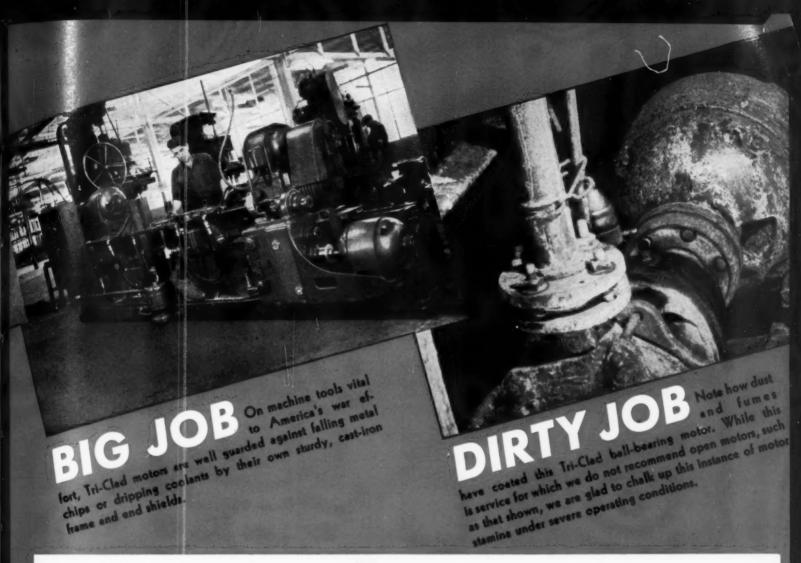
Old wiring should be utilized wherever its use will not detract from the operating efficiency of the plant. Make sure that it is carrying not more than its designed load, that connections are in good condition, and that proper switches and fuses are used. Old feeders may be joined into a ring to supply several load centers, effectively increasing capacity and maintaining better voltage conditions. If wiring must be reinforced in an area now fed by old circuits, the older lines may be used as independent feed lines for essential services. Or the usefulness of long loaded circuits may be extended by installing transformers at either end, thus increasing its power carrying capacity by making it a higher voltage transmission line.

### ELECTRICAL AIDS TO PLANT CONVERSION

Check Sheet

WHOLE PLANT	YES	NO	EACH MACHINE	YES	NO
Has equipment been listed?			Is machine properly located?		
Has product of each machine been			Does it discharge into next operation?		
studied for its possible war applica-			Is product inspected at each operation?		
tion?			Has inspector all necessary facilities?		
Is total electrical supply known?			Can machine speed be increased?		****
Is total electrical load known?  What is power-factor at peak?	* * * * *		Can machine do more than one opera- tion?		* * * * *
Can power-factor be improved?			Can work be done on another machine or in another way?		
Is distribution system heavy enough?			Is the motor the correct type?		
Is voltage maintained at machines?			Can automatic feed be attached?		
Has value of high tension transmission			Will electric selectors aid?		
to load centers been checked?			Will limit switches speed work?		
Must any feeders be replaced?			Are counters needed?		
Will a ring bus improve voltage?			Can an automatic timer be used to advantage?		
Will busbar distribution help?		* * * * *	Can an electric hoist be used?		
Are present feeders properly located?  Are there separate circuits to essential			How many productive machine hours are lost?		
services?			Can one attendant operate more than		
Is general illumination adequate?			one machine?		
Have separate circuits been prepared			Is number of hand tools adequate?	* * * * .	
for emergency lighting?			Are outlets conveniently located for hand tools?		
Are conveyors in general use?	* * * * *		Is material delivered at correct height?		
Are aisles right for electric trucks?		* * * * *	Is there enough light?		
Does production flow in a straight line?		* * * * *	Should lighting units be movable?		
Can machines be shifted easily—elec- trically?			Are there bright surfaces to reflect glare?		
Are there outlets for hand tools?			Is background a contrasting color?		
Is the temperature uniform?		* * * * *	Can induction or radiant heat be used?		
Does humidity affect product?			Can conveying and processing be com-		
Must dust be removed from air?	****		bined?	* * * * *	* * * * *





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A separate circuit for emergency lighting during blackouts is almost compulsory in many localities. If this is connected ahead of the main lighting switch, pulling the main switch will extinguish all lights except the emergency units. Unused circuits may be available for this purpose.

#### Saving priceless minutes

All present manufacturing methods and procedures must be reviewed, electrically. This should cover every operation and every handling, the condition in which the raw material is received, machine speeds, methods of machine feed and ejection, conveying, and the possibility of processing in transit. Thinking in terms of thousands instead of dozens, in terms of hours rather than weeks, should disclose many short-cuts that can be provided by electrical means. Indeed these short-cuts must be found. Minutes cut off elapsed production time may be priceless.

Many machines can be adapted to automatic or semi-automatic operation by the use of electrical control units. Automatic feed can be introduced by electrical releases in some cases. Automatic cycle control can speed operations and remove likelihood of human error. Automatic stops, cut-offs, or starters can be added. Limit switches, timers. thermocouples, counters, selectors, and innumerable other electrical control units can be secured and adapted to specific tasks. By their application the multiple objective of more output, more accurate production, less waste and less

labor, can be accomplished.

Regrouping of machines offers many opportunities for saving of time and labor. It may be possible to make one machine feed directly into another, or the discharge hopper of one unit may be made the feed hopper of the next. If this is not practical, a short chute or conveyor can carry the part automatically into the feeding unit of the next machine. In any event, placing machines in their proper order of production, with minimum spacings, will reduce handling time and labor. If bus distribution is now in place, this regrouping can be done almost without electrical changes. If rewiring is necessary, a flexible outlet system such as bus distribution should be installed. Having sampled the advantages of machine regrouping, this practice probably will be followed in each modification of the production schedule.

Keeping in mind that total output is dependent upon machine production hours and also that labor shortages may become critical, increased attention should be given to operating machines in batteries. In this way, the operator can be performing necessary duties on one machine while others are producing. In many instances, such as moulding presses, duplicate moulds may be utilized. While one cycle is being completed in the press, the duplicate moulds can be filled for insertion as the first mould is removed. Electrical alarms or control units can prevent overtreatment or signal the operator that a machine has completed its cycle and is ready for the next.

Some operations can be carried on at higher speeds. Simply changing the motor to one of higher speed may be enough. In other cases two or more operations may be performed on the same machine, but one or more can be executed at much higher speeds. Variable or multi-speed motors may make it possible to reduce total time, and avoid time lost in setting-up if the piece



FLEXIBLE POWER circuit for small motors is ready for any new machine sequence or arrangement.

is transferred to a higher speed machine. With proper controls, these speed changes can be made automatically without attention by the operator.

All of these are for the purpose of shortening the production cycle by eliminating lost machine time. Check whether setting-up time is out of proportion, whether a machine is idle while material is being prepared, or whether it takes too long to get the finished piece away from the machine. Too many cases exist where the operator is continually busy, but the machine is producing only a fraction of the time. If there is any question about the hours of machine time lost, a graphic electrical meter will provide a record.

Use of motors with proper characteristics may speed production and reduce maintenance. Variable speed, high torque, slip-ring, gear-head, synchronous, or other type motors have characteristics which make them most suitable for certain loads. Fitting the motor to its task insures operation with the least amount of maintenance.

Substitution of machines may reduce time and cost. Since new tools and equipment will be difficult to obtain, ingenuity must make the old machines more versatile. Machines may be converted to perform tasks for which they were not originally intended. Special jigs may be set up to make possible unusual operations. Grinding may replace milling and accelerate production. In some cases, infra-red or induction electric heating may replace other fuels at a great saving in time.

Elimination of heavy lifting will increase the productive abilities of men, and will be compulsory for women. Consequently, attention should be given to the height of working tables, the elevation and delivery point of conveyors, and the method of transferring material to the working plane. Electricity will lift the loads tirelessly. If heavy articles must be pushed into position, rollers in the table top will make pushing easier.

Processing while conveying is often possible. This is one of the outstanding advantages of infra-red heating where baking, drying, or preheating is a part

of the process.

In the sequence of production, inspection should follow each operation. Electrically operated guides, gauges, color selectors, and so on, may be installed in the line to the feed hopper for the next operation, making inspection almost automatic and instantaneous. In most cases, electrical instruments will help the inspector make quick accurate tests.

Tolerances permitted on most war items are much less than are encountered in commercial practice. For some items, temperature or humidity changes alone cause variations greater than allowable limits. Air conditioning units, electrically driven and controlled, can provide air with temperature and humidity maintained as needed. Likewise for those units which might be spoiled in a dusty atmosphere, there are electrically operated or electro-static units which will cleanse the air.

#### Better working conditions

High intensity illumination aids production and makes close inspection easier. Where color and bright surfaces are involved, the character and intensity of the lighting must fit the task. Monochromatic lighting deadens reflected glare. Colored lighting makes certain colored objects more vivid. Since a contrast of color is one of the best aids to easy seeing, backgrounds should be painted in a color which will make the object "stand-out". Production increases and accidents are fewer when machines have stationary parts painted one color, moving parts another, each in contrast with the work, for seeing is made easy.

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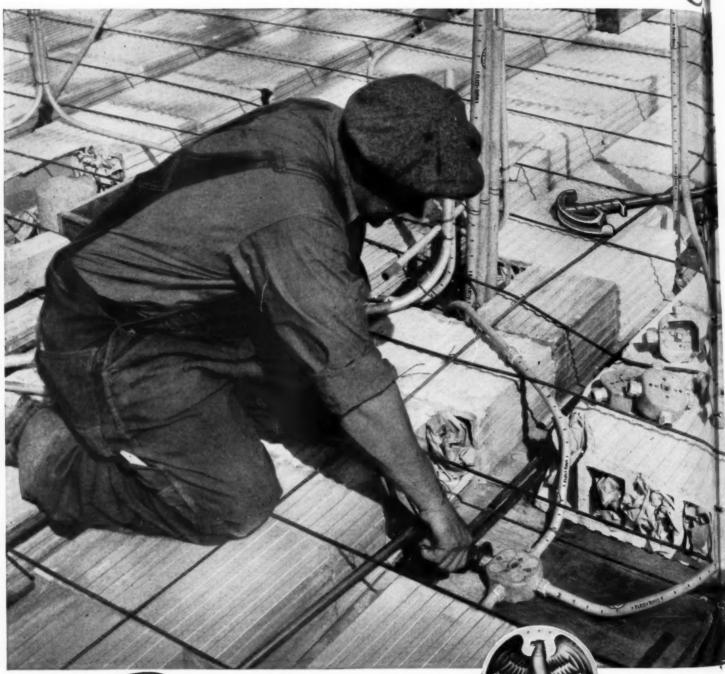
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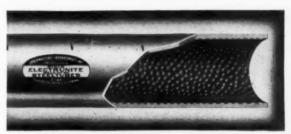
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#### Baking Increases Motor Resistance

The rewinding of motors depends to a great extent on the varnish and baking they receive. The old gas or electric oven proved unsatisfactory because the inside slots were not baked dry as quickly as possible.

In the new infra-red tunnel at The B. A. Wesche Electric Co., Cincinnati, it is now possible to receive  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  hp. a.c. stators for rewinding and return them the same day. When a stator or armature is first placed in the tunnel after rewinding, a vapor rises from the winding. After this thinner has been vaporized the body of the varnish remains and the part being baked remains for a period of one to two hours. This



REFLECTORS on flexible hinges allows prefocusing of heat direct to stator being

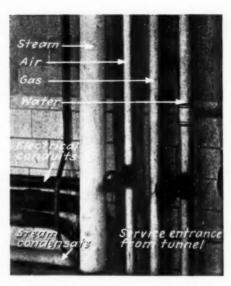
is in contrast with the previous time of six to eight hours for a good baking job. The process, according to Wesche, adds 100 percent more resistance to motors to oil and moisture than when baked by the old methods.

#### Service Facilities Kept Out Of Way

The accompanying photo is a good illustration of keeping service facilities in one corner and out of harms way. All of the services enter the building from a common tunnel and thereafter are kept close to the walls to improve working conditions at the new Arthur D. Little chemical research building in Cambridge, Mass.

In many instances a set-up as this often aids the maintenance department in locating faults and outages. It is no longer necessary to keep detailed drawings of the facilities which may be scattered all over the plant.

Good housekeeping is also a feature



SERVICES ENTER from a common tunnel at the new plant of Arthur D. Little, Cambridge, Mass.

that is enjoyed. There are no ugly pipes protruding here, there and everywhere. The necessary "ugly duckling" is in its place, relegated to a spot that does not mar plant beauty, but easily accessible.

#### Relieving Pipe Stresses Electrically

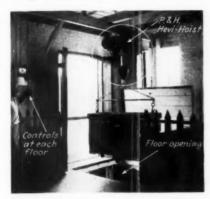
The Power Piping Division of Blaw-Knox Company controls the cooling of welded joints with an electric stress reliever (Detroit Electric). The cooling is performed to increase the ductility and shock resistance of the joints. The reliever, primarily a coil, heats the weld and adjacent areas to 1,100–1,200 deg. F. and allows them to soak at this heat. The temperature is accurately held at these heats through a potentiometer and thermocouple control apparatus. It is reported that the ductility is increased 50 per cent and impact strength raised 15 per cent.



INDUCTION HEATING aids cooling of welded joints.

#### "Elevator" for Cramped Space

Today space is at a premium. Idle floor space in busy factories is a thing of the past. Many plants are faced with the problem of transporting bulky material from one floor to the other. One company solved this problem by cutting holes in the floors and install-



THE MAN at the controls positions the lifting job. The hoist operates only when he has finger on the button.

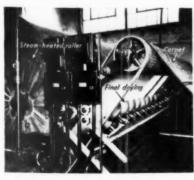
ing an electric hoist to do the lifting. A set of stop and start push buttons was installed at each floor to control the movement of the lift. The dollies can be taken off at any floor.

## Infra-Red "Booster" Added to Carpet Drying

Production was lagging at Downs Carpet Company, Phila. Something had to be done about it in order to meet the increased demands. Investigation proved that the steamheated roller could not be speeded up.

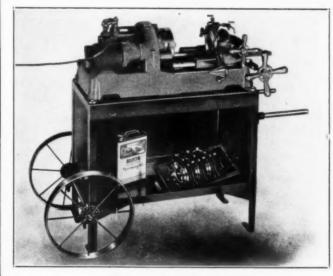
Instead of installing an extra steam roller to dry the not quite dry rugs Downs rigged up an ingenious arrangement of infra-red lamps. Now as the carpets come from the roller, still slightly wet, they come face-to-face with a bank of 28 250-watt infra-red lamps.

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#### TESTING FLUORESCENT LIGHTING EQUIPMENT

UESTION 42. Will you please tell me how to test ballasts, compensators and starter switches on fluorescent lighting equipment?-J.H.F.

TO QUESTION 42. Testing auxiliaries, except for continuity. requires an array of accurate instruments and interpretations of data. A simple continuity check would be to insert a voltmeter in series in the circuit. If a glow switch is used substitute it with a voltmeter. The following suggestions apply to auxiliaries.

1. Low p.f. single-lamp ballast. Measure resistance with ohmmeter, and compare with effective resistance obtained with wattmeter and ammeter. Effective resistance should be higher (subtract meter losses). Pass rated current through ballast and measure watts, volts and amperes. Compute p.f. and watts loss. Loss should be around 20 per cent to 30 per cent and power factor around 50 per cent. Test for inductive kick on d.c.

2. High p.f., single-lamp ballast. Same as low p.f. except for additional computations of coil resistance and reactance; condenser capacity and reactance. Pass rated current through combination and read watts, amperes and INCREASING MOTOR SPEED volts. Compare with computed results obtained on single unit readings.

3. Two-lamp ballasts require readings taken for low, and high p.f. In addition, check step-up transformer and power factors of each of two output ter-

4. For compensators apply same test

as for single-lamp low p.f. ballast. The losses should be about one-half that of the ballast.

5. For a glow switch, test its resistance with an ohmmeter. This will determine if the condenser is shorted or the contacts closed. Connect a glow lamp in parallel in the circuit and determine if the contacts function.

6. For a thermal switch check for continuity. Pass rated current through it and determine if contacts open by means of a glow-lamp.

7. For a magnetic switch same as for a thermal unit. Do not apply any unit directly on the line, use a current limiting adjustable impedance.

There is on the market a fluorescent tester which is described in the new products section Page 126 of the November 1941 issue of Electrical Contract-

TO QUESTION 42. With an A improper starting unit, lamp will not glow. With a faulted starting unit lamp will be slow in showing brilliance. Substitute a new starting unit. With a defected ballast or compensator lamps will not glow (starting unit is the weaker unit of the assembly). Shunt in another ballast or compensator (with late type ballast, compensator is made within ballast case).-L.V.M.

UESTION 43. How is the necessary resistance for a field rheostat computed for a direct current adjustable speed motor and for a constant speed motor, to increase the speed 25 per cent?-

TO QUESTION 43. In order • to compute the necessary resistance for a field rheostat for a direct current motor to increase the motor speed, it is necessary to start with the speed equation for a direct current motor. The speed equation is:

R.P.M. = 
$$\frac{K \times (E - Ia Ra)}{\phi}$$

K = A constant; E = Applied voltage; la = Armature current; Ra = Armature resistance;  $\phi$  = Total flux per pole.

To increase speed,  $\phi$  must be reduced. For a speed increase of 25 per cent the necessary resistance of the field rheostats will be about equal to twothirds of that of the field.-V.M.

TO QUESTION 43. In order • to compute exactly the resistance for a shunt field rheostat to increase the speed of a direct current adjustable speed motor or of a constant speed motor 25 per cent, it would be necessary to know the normal field current, the resistance of the field circuit and the relation between the field current and back voltage or induced voltage. A 25 per cent increase in speed will require an approximately 20 per cent decrease in field strength. This will mean more than a 20 per cent decrease in field current because the steel of the field poles will be nearly saturated. In general a variable field rheostat should have a total or maximum resistance equal to that of the field coil circuit. It must be able to carry the field current without overheating. The resistance can be set after trial to give the desired speed. -J.E.W.

TO OUESTION 43. Inserting A a resistance in the field circuit of an adjustable, or a constant speed motor will reduce directly the ampereturns of the field. The ampere turns in effect will vary the flux. However, the flux density is dependent also on the characteristics of the iron, consequently the net difference can be determined only through the use of the B-H curve. One method of computing the amount of resistance needed is to run a magnetization curve test on both motors. This will reveal the point where each motor field is working. The rpm, cemf, armature drop, friction windage, etc., can then be determined, and equations set up for computing approximately any practical speed.

It is often difficult to run a magnetization test in the field and a more practical method must be resorted to. The next method is to insert a field rheostat which will have sufficient capacity to withstand continuous operation. field current and resistance should be determined. This will require only one



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test with an ammeter. I have laboratory test data which shows that reductions of 60 per cent to 40 per cent in field current, constant load torque, on shunt motors, increased the speed 25 per cent. -O.A.

#### CAPACITOR BLOWS FUSE

UESTION 44. Four banks of 3phase, 440-volt capacitors of 100 kva. each were put in two different places to improve power factor in our plant-three banks in one spot and one bank in the other. Each bank is controlled by a fused 200 amp, safety switch and each of the 10 capacitors in the bank has two 30 amp. fuses. Lately we have had trouble keeping these fuses from blowing out. No short or leak or ground is evident. The cables connecting capacitors and switches are warm but not hot. What is the cause and what is the best way to service them?-J.J.M.

TO QUESTION 44. Normal • current at 440 volts and rated frequency for each 10 kva., 3-phase unit in the 4 banks of capacitors is 13.1 amp, per lead. The maximum permissible working voltage is 510 volts, and at this voltage the current will be increased to 15.3 amp. Capacitors are usually designed to carry 35 per cent kva. overload continuously.

With the air temperature at 24° C. a 30 amp. fuse should carry  $1.10 \times 30 =$ 33 amp. continuously. The use of 20 amp, fuses is indicated for these 10 kva.

Due to continuous duty, capacitor service is severe on fuses and switches. These fuses frequently fail because of terminal contact heating. Fuse and switch contacts must be kept clean and tight. Clip clamps are commonly employed to insure tightness.

To correct the trouble reported, first be certain that fuse contacts are tight and clean. Next measure the current in each of the three leads to each capacitor that blows fuses. This current should be balanced, and should vary with the applied voltage. Harmonic frequencies and resonance occasionally overload capacitors but are probably not the cause of blowing these 30 amp. fuses.

Since the value of capacitor equipment is increased by its continuous operation at full rating, the current in each main lead should be measured at least monthly. Such readings are a reliable index of the capacitors condition. As stated before, bad fuses, overheated connections and bad switch contacts must be watched for; and connected before trouble develops. In hot locations, unless oversize, type R insulated wire may age rapidly. Before working on a capacitor be certain that it is discharged, either automatically through its resistors, by being shorted, or by grounding each of the three main leads.

Capacitors require but little servicing. They should be kept clean, particularly the bushings and bus insulating supports. Although capacitor losses are only 1 of one per cent, 440-volt capacitors should not be operated at room temperatures above 40° C. unless approved by the manufacturer. High temperatures will decrease a capacitor's life, and cause high losses.

Capacitors installed near the ceiling in warm rooms are likely to be subjected to unduly high ambient temperatures .-

A TO QUESTION 44. Test the line-voltage at the 200 amp. safety switches, with and without the capacitors connected.

The capacitors may be raising the line-voltage too high (above 440 volts) thus increasing their capacity and current. If this is found to be the case, I would suggest changing transformer taps to lower the line-voltage to compensate for the voltage rise due to capacity effect.

This condition may also be periodic due to the systems varying power factor. The fuse ratings may be slightly increased without damage.-L.H.M.

TO OUESTION 44. Under nor-A mal conditions, there are approximately 76 amperes flowing through each of the three capacitor units forming a bank. For each phase of a bank of the three-phase capacitors there are approximately 457 microfarads capacity. These brief calculations based on a pure sine wave-form e.m.f. further show that the fused 200 ampere switch carries 131 amperes. The fused 30 amp. individual capacitors each of 45 microfarads carry less than 8 amperes.

Abnormal line conditions may be a cause of the trouble. Very poor feeder regulation is also a cause. If this is so, the same condition may be observed on all the banks. There is also a possibility of a defective discharge resistor and increased individual losses. Capacitors, however, are generally reliable and require no more maintenance than a transformer. Why not replace the 200 amp. fuses with at least 250 amp. fuses of good inverse time limit characteris-

# HI-POT TEST FOR USED MOTORS

UESTION 45. If new windings in electric motors should successfully stand a high potential test of twice normal voltage plus 1000, what is the proper value to use for motors that have been operating for some time, the motors being thoroughly clean and dry?—R.C.M.

A TO QUESTION 45. If motor voltage does not exceed 600 volts, test for resistance first with the following formula:

 $R = \frac{V}{\text{kva} + 1000}$ 

R = resistance in megohns

V = terminal voltage

Kva = rated capacity

If motor fails to give required resistance it should be cleaned and dried and above test repeated. This will indicate if motor will stand normal breakdown test. If motor is on important duty it should not be used if it does not meet the above test; if on secondary duty it could be used if megohns test does not fall lower than 30 per cent in first test and a breakdown test of not more than double voltage.—W.G.

A TO QUESTION 45. If a motor is clean and dry its insulation resistance to ground while cold should not be less than the following:

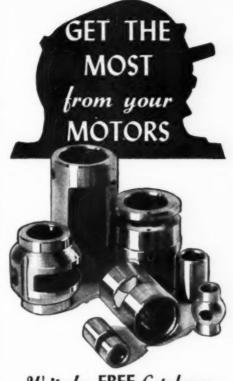
Motor Voltage	Megohme
110	0.30
220	0.60
440	0.80
550	1.20

Assuming that the insulation resistance is not less than shown above, and that it is in good condition,  $\frac{1}{3}$  rated voltage plus 1000 volts at 60 cycles applied for one minute should not cause breakdown.

Because insulation resistances indicate, within reasonable limits, the condition of a motor's insulation, and since such measurements do not damage insulation, breakdown tests are not generally applied to old motors.

Where service requirements are so severe as to justify high potential tests the insulation should be expected to safely withstand the standard test of twice the rated voltage plus 1000 volts.—R.B.G.

TO QUESTION 45. Testing procedure including the choice of the dielectric test voltage value should be decided by the maintenance engineer based upon the condition of apparatus in service. In general, however, the



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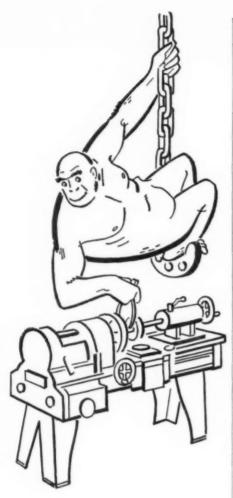
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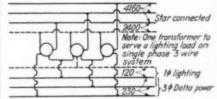
test voltage should not exceed 65 per cent of the factory a.c. test voltage of twice normal plus 1000 between winding and ground for periodic dielectric strength tests and 75 percent for used or repaired apparatus.

In making dielectric strength tests, it is advisable to precede and follow each test with an insulation resistance test. This may be done either by using a 500-volt megohmmeter.—R.G.C.

# Can You ANSWER these QUESTIONS?

QUESTION Z1. The accompanying diagram shows a bank of transformers, star connected primary, delta connected secondary, with a tap for single phase three wire lighting on one transformer.

For a 30 kva. power load and a 15 kva. single phase, three wire lighting load, what



size should each transformer be, how would you calculate it and what sizes would be required?

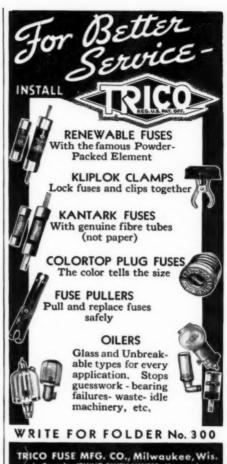
The transformers were connected star to star, the high side of the transformers are connected to 4160 V. star, 2400 V. to ground.—C.P.L.

QUESTION A2. Why are the conductors of a twin conductor extension lead used for connecting a thermocouple to a pyrometer of different kinds of metal and what would be the objection to using a two conductor copper wire?—J.J.L.

QUESTION B2. On a generator for charging a 50-volt locomotive battery, when the battery was almost fully charged the polarity of the generator was going to reverse? How can I remedy this condition? We have no spare.

Our generator was a d.c. shunt motor, 5 hp., 115 volts, 38.8 amps., 1100 r.p.m., coupled to an a.c. motor 7½ hp., 1175 r.p.m. The battery was in series with two parallel resistances of 3.35 ohms each. When we first connect the battery the generator charges at the rate of 25 amps. at 90 volts.—C. B.

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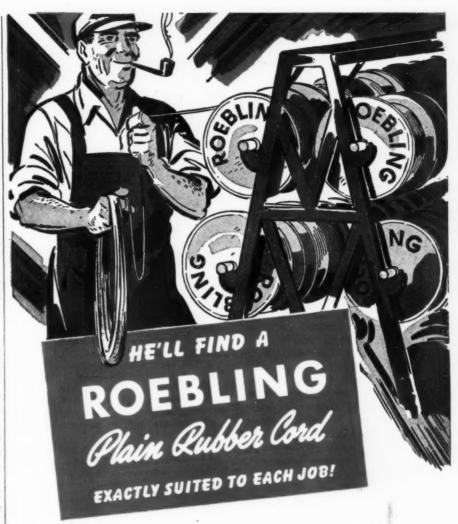
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### **ESTIMATING GUIDES**

-The Take-off and Pricing

The first item in this series of "Estimating Guides" as outlined by the Electrical Contractors Association of the City of Chicago, stressed the importance of carefully recording and studying all plans and specifications that accompany any specific job.

Once this is done, the estimator faces the laborious, yet most important task of material take-off, listing and pricing. Extreme accuracy in this particular phase of the job often means the difference between losing or getting the contract; or the difference between the profit or loss on the job. Today it is especially important since material conservation is one of the backbones of our war program.

However, before going into the takeoff procedure it might be well to point out that, for an average building, the electrical estimate should have a separate division for each of the following systems:

Service and feeders (divided according to size and type of project).

Switchboards, panels and cabinets.
 Power branch wiring and motor connections.

4. Lighting branch wiring.

5. Lighting fixtures.

6. Special systems.

7. Job costs (tools, shops, etc.)

Although the discussion immediately following will cover take-off and listing in a general manner, detailed suggestions bearing specifically on each of the sub-divisions mentioned above will be made in future items.

TAKING-OFF QUANTITIES—For the present let's consider a few general rules on how to take-off quantities. These rules shape up somewhat as follows:

1. Use good estimating forms.

Take off each system separately and complete one system before going to another.

Arrange the take-off for easy division of the bid and alternates.

4. Have a neat set-up and avoid crowding data and figures.

5. Check the take-off to see that typical

floors and half plans have not been over-looked.

6. Check measurements to see that the proper scale has been used.

LISTING AND PRICING—After quantities on all systems have been taken off, the various sheets must be summarized and transferred to a pricing sheet. The following rules apply to this phase of the estimate.

1. Use good pricing forms.

List each system separately.
 List materials and labor in the order

which will best facilitate checking.

4. Check items, on the take-off sheets, as they are listed on the pricing sheet.

5. Designate unit of pricing (each, per 100, etc.).

Avoid crowding. It is well to leave space between groups of items.

 Delay extensions until all unit prices on the sheet are filled in. This will minimize errors.

8. Underscore special items with colored pencil (L.C. wire, etc.).

Check mark all blank spaces that are not to be filled in with prices.

10. Summarize each sheet separately, then transfer totals to a final summary sheet.

CHECKING ESTIMATES—All estimates should be prepared so that a careful check can be made in the minimum amount of time. Some of the points that may be checked are listed below:

1. Check accuracy of quantities.

Be sure all systems are covered in the estimate.

3. Check all plans and specification notes.



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Check off each note as the particular item is covered in the estimate.

4. Check pricing sheets for accuracy in:

(a) Pricing—every space should have a price or a check mark.

(b) Extension

(c) Decimal points

(d) Additions

(e) Transfer to summary sheet

The remaining items of this specific series will cover take-off and listing of the various system divisions mentioned earlier in this discussion.

### PRESS WIRING

Further data on labor hour costs of installing printing press wiring is presented in the following tables. This material is a continuation of the tables which appeared on pages 62 and 64 of December *Electrical Contracting*.

As in the first group, these tables present the distribution of man hour labor costs for typical press motor installations and control wiring. The material quantities are typical and in applying these figures the estimator should make whatever allowances are necessary for deviation from the amounts shown.

Under each table, additions for typical controls and associated equipment are shown as a lump sum. The breakdown of these figures appeared in Tables 3, 4, 5 and 6 with the original data.

The figures given represent actual time plus a percentage for supervision, lost time, materials, handling and other factors affecting the total payroll.

### TABLE NO. 7

Typical installation 150 hp. and 10 hp. 220 volt, 60 cycle, 3 phase motor control stations, sheet cutter, signal light, etc. using R.H. 75 deg. C wire.

	Material	Labor Man
	Quantity	Hrs.
Service feed	310' 750,000	30
100' run	100' - 31/2" cond.	44
Unit Cost	2 - 3½" ells	- 6
\$9.10 per ft.	1 - 600A sw	12
	1 -6CPC	10
		102
Connecting 150	310' — 750,000	24
HP slip ring	310' - 4/0 BaS	12
motor, 100' run	90' - 31/4" C	40
Unit Cost	90' - 214" C	16
\$8.00 per ft.	Ells, etc.	12
		104
Connecting 10 HP	310' — #8 wire	3
slip ring motor	310' — #10 wire	2
100' run	90' - 1 1/4" cond.	8
Unit Cost	Ells, etc.	W =1 3
\$ ,90 per ft.		16
Set and wire		
self con, res.	60' #0 F.P.	30
& control panel		84
	TOTALS	336
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TABLE NO. 8

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Typical installation 200 hp. and 15 hp. 220 volt, 60 cycle, 3 phase motor control stations, sheet cutter, signal lights, etc., using R.H. 75 deg. C wire.

	Material Quantity	Labor Man Hrs
Service feed	690' - 500,000	36
100' run	200' — 3" cond	70
Unit Cost	4 - 3" ells	8
\$12.60 per ft.	1 - 800A sw	10
	1 - 8C P C	10
		134
Connecting 200	620' - 400,000	30
HP slip ring	310' - 250,000	. 14
motor, 100' run	900' - 3" cond	70
Unit Cost	100' — 21/2"	18
\$11.45 per ft.	Ells, etc.	16
		148
Connecting 15	310' — #6 wire	4
HP slip ring	310' - #8 wire	3
motor, 100' run	100'-11/2"	10
Unit Cost \$1.10 per ft.	Ells, etc.	5
		22
Set and wire	60' - 2/0 F.P.	32
& control panel	Supports	98
	TOTALS	434
Add for typical:		
Press control wiring		370
4 — Paper reels		192
Automatic tension		180
Automatic paster		270
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## COST

A handy chart for approximating 220 volt, 3-phase motor circuit wiring costs was prepared on the basis of two methods. One set up average feeder and branch circuit quantities and specification from a number of industrial jobs for several motor sizes. A curve was then drawn showing the relationship between motor horsepower and cost for labor and materials. Curves representing rough cost formulas were drawn on the same coordinates.

The rough cost formulas are rule of thumb approximations of a type frequently used by estimators as a check. They are made up separately for material and labor as follows:

Material

10 + 4h = Cost in dollars Labor

13 + 2h = Cost in dollars when h = motor horsepower

As the chart shows, the costs repre-

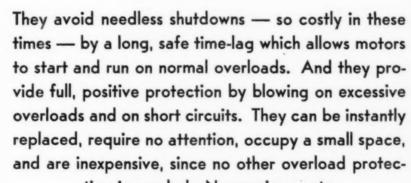


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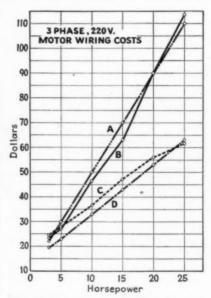
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sented by the formulas are, on the average, high for material and low for labor with respect to the curves based upon more detailed estimating methods. However, for rough estimates the deviation is not too great and used together the differences tend to cancel out.

The comparison offers the suggestion that many check figures on electrical installations could be expressed graphi-



MATERIAL AND LABOR cost curves, (A) material approximated by 10 + 4b = cost, (B) material by detailed estimate, (C) labor by detailed estimate and (D) labor approximated by 13 + 2b = cost.

cally and relatively simple cost formulas worked out. And even accurate cost data may be represented in this form when there are not too many other variables to consider. Such curves and formulas are not common in estimators notebooks. It may be that they could be used more extensively as a contribution to accuracy and time saving.

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A City Council ordinance in Colorado Springs, Colo., now gives full authority to electrical inspector, V. D. Markham, to permit wiring material substitutions, providing no breakdown in the present high standards of wiring in the city will result.

Out in Pueblo City, Colo., a recent ordinance authorizes a board composed of the city engineer and his assistant, plumbing inspector, electrical inspector William H. Hart and the building inspector, to act on material substitutions for new construction or repairs. This is for the duration of the war.

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### Wiring A Laboratory

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The laboratory building is served from a bank of 3-200 kva., Pyranol filled transformers connected 2300-volt delta to 220-volt delta. A neutral tap is taken off one transformer for a small 110 volt load. Lighting is on 220 volt, single phase circuits. The service feeders from the power plant are two 3/0, 3 conductor, 3500 volt steel taped cables buried three feet in the ground with 2 by 10 creosoted timbers over the cables for protection. Normally only one cable is in service, but disconnecting type potheads permit easy changeover to the spare cable. The feeders from the transformer to the main power and lighting switchboard consist of four 2600 ampere enclosed buses.

The main switchboard, approximately thirteen feet in length, is located on the basement floor in the center of the building and extends from wall to wall. The front and rear of the board are accessible at all times and sufficient space is provided for any needed future extensions. The switchboard is dead front construction and was manufactured by Wm. Wurdack Electric Mfg. Company of St. Louis, as were all other switchboards, special laboratory equipment and the thirty-three panelboards of various types on this project. The many unusual features of design and installation required close collaboration between the Wetherbee Electric Company, architects and the panelboard manufacturer.

The entire project required, because of the many special laboratory circuits, approximately four times as much conduit and wire as a conventional building of the same size. The heavy wall conduit totalled over 50,000 feet in sizes from ½-in. to 3-in. and the wire footage totalled approximately 150,000 feet.



FUSE SESSION evolves as J. S. Mahan (left) Fustat Manufacturers, discusses Type S fuses with H. N. Smith, Continental Insurance Co., and F. F. Sengstock, Economy Fuse and Mfg. Co., at recent meeting of Illinois Chapter IAEI



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Chief Inspector New York Board of Fire Underwriters

### Type of Rubber in Service Cable

Q. "What type of rubber insulation is used on conductors of No. 6 and No. 8 SE and ASE Service Entrance Cable, Entrance Drop Cable? The Code does not give the ampere rating of this cable."—C. W.

A. The rubber insulation on the conductors of service entrance cable may be of type R, RP, or RH.

The carrying capacity of the cable is found in Table 1, under the type of rubber insulation used. Note that the sub-heading of Table 1 indicates that it is for "Not More Than Three Conductors in Raceway or Cable" and that the sub-heading for Table 2 indicates "Single Conductor in Free Air."

### **Connecting a Capacitor**

Q. "In connecting a capacitor in a line does it increase the kw. load of the line?"—M.Z

Where a transmission line has poor voltage regulation and a poor power factor, the connection of a capacitor of the proper capacity does not increase the kva. load on the line but may permit additional load to be put on the line. Of course the capacitor of proper capacity must be selected for the particular conditions encountered.

### **Mixing Armored and Unarmored Cables**

We have been having a few talks in our wiring class about whether or not we could use BX cable and Romex together in house wiring. I would be very thankful if you would tell me if and where we could use BX cable and Romex together."—S.S.S.

Armored cable and non-metallic sheathed cable are both approved methods of wiring and there is no rule in the National Electrical Code which prohibits the use of both materials in wiring a house. Such a mixture is hardly to be recommended but would be permissible provided no rules were violated.

But there are several things to keep in mind. With the armored cable, grounding of metallic outlet boxes and wiring device enclosures and of fixtures are really automatically taken care of, while with the non-metallic sheathed cable it may be necessary to run a separate grounding conductor.

The following sections of the Code must be kept in mind; Section 2533, which requires grounding of cable armor in runs of less than 25 feet if the cable is not free from probable contact with ground or grounded metal; Section 2543, which requires grounding of metal boxes used with armored cable, or on non-metallic sheathed cable where metal or metal lath is used; and also 2559, which prohibits grounding the equipment to the grounded circuit conductor.



HERE'S THE ANSWER says John P. Moore, electrical inspector of City of Chicago, as he points to his Code book. Inquisitors are Elton Gould (left). Herb Binner and Ed Wigdahl, all officers of the Cook County Electrical Contractors Association, Chicago.

### Service Switch Problem

Q. "In designing a layout for a sq. cage 25 hp. 550 volt 3-phase motor, I faced a problem of the service switch. Could I use a 60 amp. 550 volt switch?"

"According to the Code the branch circuit fuse would be 80 amps. Therefore it could not be inserted in 60 amp. clip, so I plan to use 60 amp. renewable fuses with 80 amp. fuse elements. Do you think this would be within the Code?"—M.Z.

The service switch for this should be of the 61-100 amp. 550 volt capacity so as to accommodate the 80 amp. fuses required for the motor branch circuit protection.

It would be highly improper to use an 80 amp. refill in a 60 amp. renewable fuse cartridge.

### Outside Handle on Locked Service Switch

"Where outside service terminates directly in a lockable distribution panel with more than six circuits and equipped with a main switch, is the main switch, which is located in the panel, required to have a handle which is operable when the panel is locked?"—B.A.H.

The first and basic rule governing the service switch is in Article 230, Services under "Disconnecting Means" Section 2351, which requires that "Each set of service-entrance conductor shall be provided with a readily accessible means of disconnecting all conductors from the source of supply".

The intent of this is that the service switch must be capable of being quickly and easily reached in an emergency. If the switch is to be locked within a cabinet then there should be some means provided for operating the switch without having to use a key to unlock a door. For this purpose an external handle is provided.

Certainly a switch which is locked up is not readily accessible.

Therefore, if the cabinet in question is to be locked and if the main switch is to serve as a service switch, the switch should be operable from the outside without having to unlock the door. And Section 2356 does not abrogate this requirement. In fact, this section (2356) does not say anything about the external handle although a reading of it without referring to the definition of "Externally operable" makes it appear to. (Just a case of where certain words are given a foreign meaning.)



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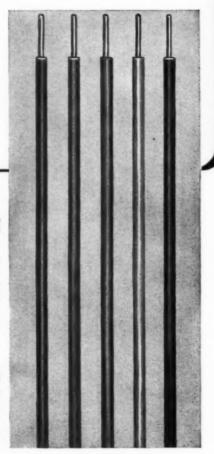
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What the section really does say is this:—A service switch if enclosed within a box or cabinet shall be capable of being operated without exposing the operator to contact with live parts and shall be capable of being reached quickly for operation without resort to climbing over chairs, boxes, stepladders, etc., unless additional enclosed switches, which in turn do not expose the operator to contact with live parts are provided for all feeders or circuits supplied through this service switch.

It really is time that the definition of "Externally operable" is revised to mean what it looks like and that it does mean something about an external han-

### Armored Cable In Cinder Block

"I would very much like your opinion on the following matter: "In this vicinity cinder blocks are used extensively for foundation walls of houses and other buildings. These blocks are very similar to cement blocks with hollow spaces, usually two in the center, and are made of ground-up cinders and some sand and cement.

"For years we have often fished BX cable down through the sill of a house, through the hollow spaces in the blocks, to outlets in the basement. The blocks are not over an inch thick opposite the hollow spaces and boxes can be cut in quite easily.

"Although we have never had any complaint on this method up to date, a new inspector now tells us that BX cable cannot be installed in these cinder blocks on account of corrosion of the metal armor. According to the Code BX cable may be used in the hollow walls of a house and, as these blocks are dry, I can see no reason for an exception being made of the same.

"Sometime after the 1936 flood had covered the basement and first floor of a house for two days we pulled out the BX to some basement outlets installed in cinder blocks and found no trace of corrosion or either the cable or outlet

boxes."-C.E.P.

The National Electrical Code is A. not entirely clear on this matter, specially in light of an Official Interpretation (No. 185) on a similar question in regards to unarmored cable.

Section 3342 states that armored cable may be embedded in plaster finish on brick or other masonry, except in wet

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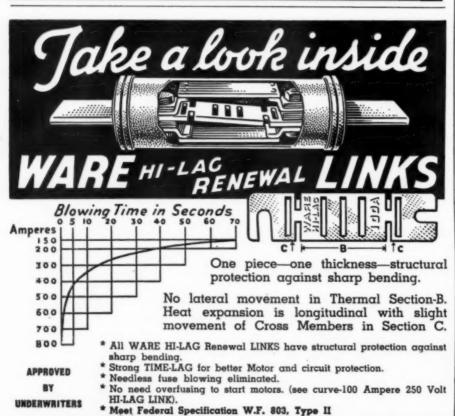
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or damp locations. Outside walls are generally considered to be damp and in some localities all walls are apt to be somewhat damp. In damp locations cinder concrete, being somewhat hygroscopic, presents a sulphurous condition which is very corrosive. Therefore it is best to consider cinder concrete walls, even if of cinder blocks, to be no place for embedding armored cable.

Now as to the use of the hollow spaces in cinder blocks.

Official Interpretation No. 185 rules that non-metallic sheathed cable is not permissible within the hollow spaces of cinder concrete blocks, installed either during the course of construction or after construction.

If such hollow spaces are not suitable for non-metallic sheathed cable they are certainly not suitable for a cable with a ferros outer covering which would be affected by corrosion.

Therefore, the inspector ruling against the installation of armored cable in cinder blocks is proper in his interpretation of the Code.

### CORRECTION

In the Official Interpretations issued as Part Two of the January News-Bulletin, there are two errors: the first Interpretation No. 181, was issued on the 1937 code and the references were not changed. The caption should read "2571" instead of "2552", and the references in Question 2 should read "2551, 2571, or 2572."

Interpretation No. 211 should refer to section 3705 rather than to section 3708 as printed.



REA PROBLEMS occupy leisure moments of (L to R) Cecil Rowley, REA electrical inspector, Macomb, Ill.; James Kerr, electrical contractor, Shelbyville, Ill.; and W. R. Paluska, REA electrical inspector of Eureka, Ill. They treked to the Windy City to attend the recent meeting of the Illinois IAEI.

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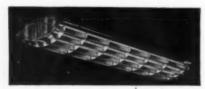
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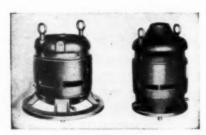
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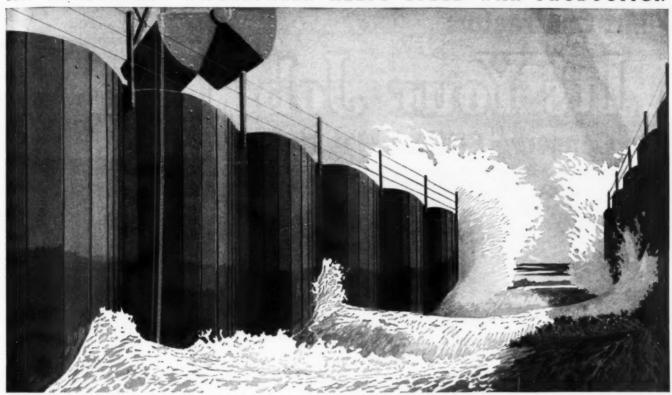
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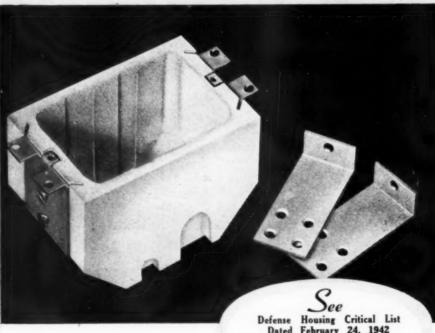
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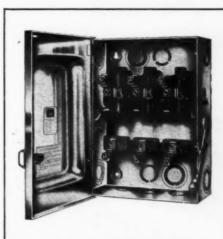
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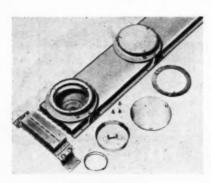
This "No-Blink" starter, FS-4 NA, is designed for use with 40-watt, 48-inch lamps only. It detects a faulty lamp immediately and after several attempts, if lamp does not light properly, starting switch is cut out of circuit automatically and remains out until faulty lamp is replaced with good one. Annoyance caused by blinking lamps is eliminated, and undue wear and strain on starting switch and ballast is prevented. Lloyd Products Company, Edgewood Station, Providence, R. I.



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G-E HEADER DUCT

# VAPOR-TIGHT PYLETS

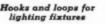


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### Smoke Alarm

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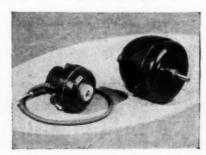
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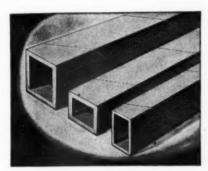
A new line of unit-bearing, shaded-pole fan motors for applications requiring short, quiet, compact motor has been announced. Suitable for use with commercial refrigeration, air conditioning and ventilating systems. Motors are available in three models for 115-volt, 60 cycle operation. Frame 51AL operates with or without air over motor at 1.5 watts, 1550 rpm. and with air over motor at 3 watts, 1400 rpm. Frame 51EL requires air over motor at 9 watts, 1550 rpm, and operates with or without air over motor at 3.5 to 6 watts at 1550 rpm. Frame 71GL is rated 1/40 and 1/25 hp., 1550 rpm., air over motor and is for use with direct-connected propeller fans only. A large oil reservoir provides for many years of operation without reoiling. General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.



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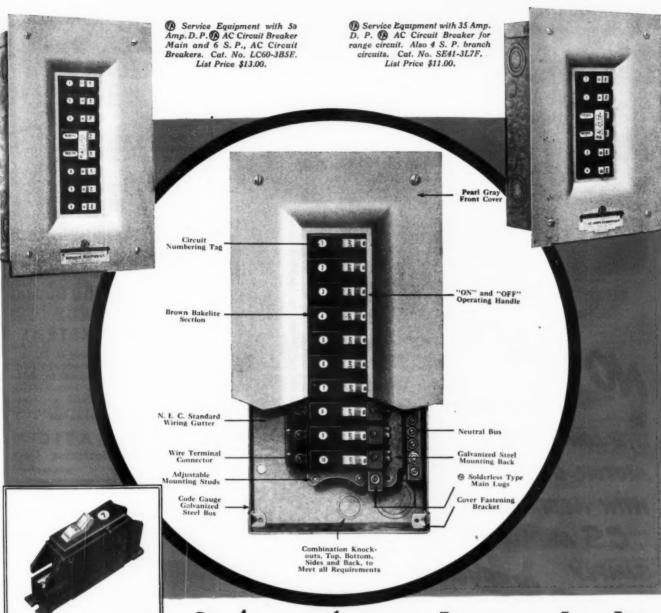
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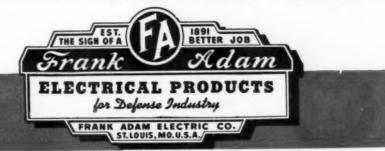
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### CRANE CONTROL

A four-page leaflet, B-3020, deacribes crane controls for hoist motors up to 330 hp. for materials handling. Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co.

#### FANS

A new catalog featuring desk fans from the 16-in. heavy duty oscillating type to the 10-in. oscillating type. Victor Electric Products Co.

### TRANSMISSIONS

This transmission catalog-handbook includes 52 pages of recommendations, application data, photos and engineering information. Ideal Commutator Dresser Co.

#### **ELECTRIC PRODUCTS**

Catalog No. 421 illustrates and 20 Catalog No. 421 mustrates describes safety switches, service equipment, lighting panels, circuit master, Kbl-duct, and switchboards. Bull Dog Electric Products Co.

### RECORDER

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### HEATER

22 Bulletin No. 64 illustrates and describes the electric Quikheter, built-in and portable types. Frank Adam Electric Co.

### WIRE

Bulletin No. 201 gives mechanical and electrical specifications of Packard electric wire to specification AN-J-C-48 and 95-27074. Precision Tube Company.

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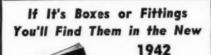
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A new 28-page catalog covering complete line of portable pipe and bolt cutting and threading ma-chines; power drives and power units; pipe cutting and threading tools; pipe reamers; vises. Beaver Pipe Tools, Inc.

### LIGHTING FIXTURES

29 Catalog No. 40 illustrates and describes the complete line of luminaires for fluorescent and incandescent lamps for industrial and commercial lighting. Edwin F. Guth Co.

#### CABLE

30 Folder GEA-2623A features No. 1799 varnished cambric cable. It tells how it's made; advantages; uses; operating data and representative types. General Electric Co.

### INSTRUMENT

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### McGRAW AWARD TO EARL WHITEHORNE

On March 14 the James H. McGraw Award Medal for Cooperation for 1940 was presented posthumously to Earl Whitehorne. Acting for the Committee of Awards, Charles E. Swartzbaugh gave the medal to Mrs. Whitehorne at her home in Caldwell, N. J.

When the judges met in January 1941 to consider the candidates for the Medal for Cooperation for 1940, they selected Earl Whitehorne, editor of Electrical Contracting to receive this award. Mr. Whitehorne was at home convalescing from a serious illness at the time and he was notified of this honor bestowed upon him by his fellow workers. It was the intention of the judges to make the presentation at a ceremonial dinner in New York when he recovered. He did not return to his office and passed away on October 23. The judges reaffirmed their decision and voted that the medal and purse be given to his widow.

The judges who selected Mr. Whitehorne for this honor were E. A. Hawkins, Graybar Electric Co., New York; C. M. Munoz, Harry Alexander, Inc., New York; M. E.



POSTHUMOUS HONOR. C. E. Swartzbaugh presents the James H. Mc-Graw Medal for Cooperation and the citation to Mrs. Whitehorne at her home in Caldwell, N. J.



EARL WHITEHORNE

Skinner, Buffalo, Niagara & Eastern Power Corp., Buffalo and Charles E. Swartzbaugh, The Swartzbaugh Manufacturing Co., Toledo.

The citation which accompanied the award read as follows:

"Earl Whitehorne, editor of Electrical Contracting, had in 34 years of electrical publishing come to occupy a unique place in the electrical industry. Holding important editorial posts on a number of electrical publications, he was equally well known to manufacturers, contractors, wholesalers, retail groups and utility men. He held the friendship, admiration and confidence of all because of his human warmth, his essential fairness, his understanding, his never failing desire to be helpful, his ability to get to the core and center of an industry problem and his keen sense of humor that kept himself and others in balance.

"His period of service covered the expansion of the electrical industry to the giant it is today. Many of his contemporaries and close friends were pioneers of this vast development. He early saw the promise of electrical growth and was among those who first realized that the tremendous potential could only be achieved by the harmonious working together of all the industry elements involved. The utilities, the manufacturers, contractors, wholesalers, engineers and retailers, all must play their part and be rewarded by a just return.

"And so he became one of the major advocates of cooperation. Unceasingly, year

after year, in print and in person, he presented the case for a united industry; for a greater comprehension on the part of each industry group of the problems of all the other groups and a willingness to work for common ends.

"He worked for higher service standards in equipment and more adequate wiring installations. He headed the 'Industry Conference on Wiring' in 1927 that showed up the fallacy of the controversy then raging over the cost of wiring. He gave much time, thought, and effort to the electrical league movement. He was president of the Electrical Association of New York when the Modernization of Industry program was launched. From the foundation of the James H. McGraw Award he was the representative of Mr. McGraw in the presentation of the awards.

"As for his relation to the men he worked with in this industry, no statement could be so fitting as the words he, himself, wrote of another recipient of this award: 'He brought a spiritual stimulus to men that widened their horizon, strengthened their courage, increased their tolerance and left them richer for having known him.'

"In recognition of his outstanding services to the advancement of cooperation in the electrical industry, the judges decided to disregard his affiliation with the Committee of Awards and with the McGraw-Hill organization, and voted to Earl Whitehorne the 1940 Medal for Cooperation and the purse given under the James H. McGraw Award

Graw Award.

"It is a matter for deep gratification that this decision was taken during his lifetime, and that he was notified of this honor done him by his fellow workers. Since his lamented death, the judges have reaffirmed the award, and present the medal and purse to Mrs. Whitehorne."

# NECA ESTABLISHES RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

A research department has been established in the Washington office of NECA under the direction of the Washington manager, Paul M. Geary.

Wilford C. Fuller has been appointed as an assistant to Mr. Geary to carry on the activities of this department. It will be the purpose of this research department to compile information on all phases of the electrical contracting business and the capacity and facilities of the industry for handling Federal and other construction work in every part of the country.

Mr. Fuller has had a number of years experience in the construction industry and is well fitted to take up his activities in this research department.

# WIRE TABLES OF

Through action of the Electrical Committee an interim amendment to the National Electrical Code permits the use of wire current carrying capacities based upon Table I of the 1937 Revision for the duration of the war.

Tentative Interim Amendment No. 41, pertaining to the change, was adopted by

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Of the newly approved dwellings, 150,000 will be erected by agencies of the Federal Government and the remaining 200,000 will be privately financed.

letter ballot of the Committee on Feb. 26 and has been "recommended for application in the administration of the National Electrical Code."

The Amendment inserts a note to follow Section 3004 (page 85) of the 1940 edition of the National Electrical Code reading as follows:

"Note: For the duration of the defense emergency and to assist in the conservation of copper and rubber, conductors having Code grade rubber insulation that are not operated continuously with maximum currents may have the allowable current-carrying ratings that were given them in Table I of the 1937 edition of this Code and the limits of allowable current because of more than three conductors in a raceway (Note 5, page 303, 1940 text) and because of room temperature being over 30 C (Table I, page 301, 1940 text) need not be applied."

# ARTICLE COMMITTEES REJECT BARE NEUTRAL

Acting at the request of the War Production Board for action on proposals for the approval of bare neutral wiring as a means of saving rubber, article subcommittees have recommended that the Electrical Committee approve slow burning or weatherproof covered wires for grounded neutral conductors on alternating current systems. This recommendation is intended to meet the needs of rubber conservation without general Code approval of bare neutral.

Article sub-committees also recommended that covered neutral cable (CNX) be accepted by the Code authorities as an approved wiring method for defense emergency building for the duration. These recommendations will be acted upon by letter ballot of the Electrical Committee.

A joint meeting of article sub-committees requested that no new revision of the Code be prepared for 1943, the next scheduled revision year, but that a supplement be issued to the 1940 Code to include only new rules and amendments pertaining to war time problems. It was also recommended that a small committee be set up empowered to publish rulings as war emergency recommendations effective only for the duration.

# 350,000 MORE DWELLINGS PLANNED

The construction of an additional 350,000 dwelling units for war industry workers has been approved by the War Production Board according to an announcement on March 17. This program, recommended by the National Housing Agency more than doubles the original defense housing program announced last September 19.

### INDUSTRY MEETINGS HELD AT DENVER

A series of meetings arranged by the Rocky Mountain Electrical League and affecting every branch of the electrical industry was launched March 16 at Denver, Colorado.

Art Schanuel of the National Adequate Wiring Bureau headed a conference with the electrical contractor group on March 16. The following day he addressed an all-industry luncheon group on residential wiring under present and future war conditions.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter IAEI held its annual meeting on March 26-27 in Denver. Delegates from a dozen states were present to review numerous subjects of vital interest to the electrical fraternity. Jobber problems, possible changes in wire tables, motor installations, blackouts, defense lighting and code problems occupied the program roster of the two-day session opened jointly by George R. Hubbard, chairman of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, IAEI and T. M. Foulk, chairman of the Denver chapter of the League.

Following closely on the heels of the inspector meeting was a general session of the Electrical League on March 30. Dr. George W. Allison, National Better Light Better Sight Bureau, gave an inspiring

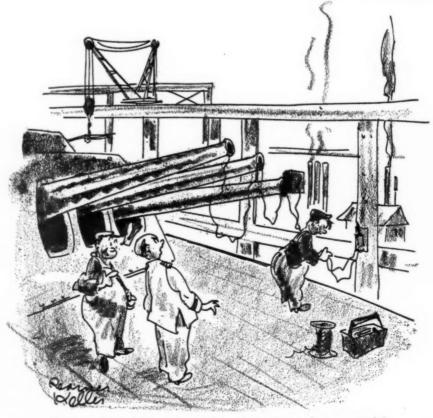
talk on "Bright Spots in the Picture." This was the first of several appearances of Dr. Allison in the Rocky Mountain League territory. He also spoke at Montrose, Grand Junction, Salt Lake City, Cheyenne and Greeley, carrying the message of defense lighting and covering other subjects of general interest to the electrical industry.

On April 9, the fast growing Rocky Mountain Chapter, I.E.S., heard Willard C. Brown, national president of the Society and one of the nation's leading authorities on lighting, discuss wartime developments in the field of illumination.

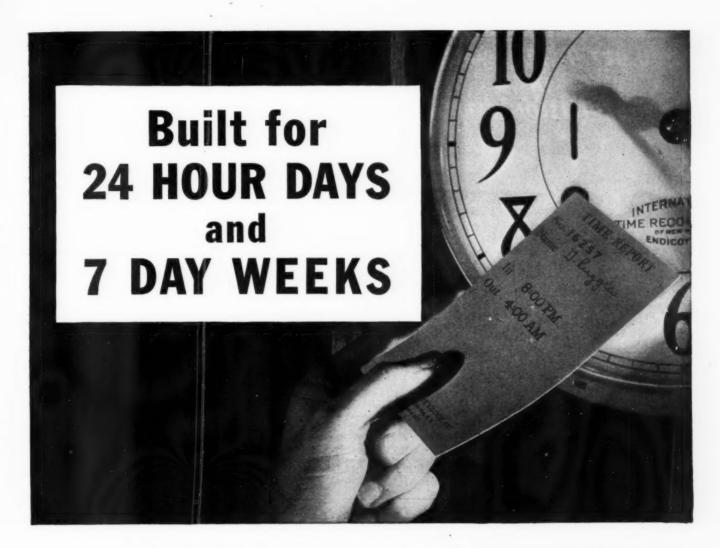
The series of meetings will be continued on April 16-18 when the Accounting and Engineering Divisions of the League will hold their annual spring meeting at the Shirley Savoy Hotel, Denver. Chairmen Harry Adler and O. P. Reed of the Accounting and Engineering Divisions respectively, will pilot these sessions.

### INSPECTORS URGED TO SPOT SABOTAGE

Electrical inspectors were admonished by a Federal Bureau of Investigation official to be constantly on their toes to spot work of the saboteur or spy. Stressing the value of being forewarned of possible lurking danger that would hamper the nation's war program, Special Agent A. C. Schlenker of the FBI's Buffalo office, addressing the Empire Chapter IAEI said such information gives authorities an opportunity to quickly track down potential enemies of the country.



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Among those who addressed the quarterly sessions of the chapter were Victor H. Tousley of Chicago, field engineer, National Fire Protection Association; R. W. Mitchell, president, Electrical Association of the Niagara Frontier; H. P. Dendel, Lansing, Mich., chief engineer of the Michigan Millers Mutual Insurance Company, and Arthur L. Abbott, New York City, a representative of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association. Garrett S. Casterline of Syracuse was chairman.

### CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL ORGANIZATIONS MERGE

As a result of a carefully organized plan to weather the storm of the War period, the Northern California Electrical Bureau and the Electrical Appliance Society of Northern California were recently consolidated.

"Northern California Electrical Bureau" is the name adopted for the new organization. The Bureau has moved from 447 Sutter St., San Francisco, to the suite of offices in the Furniture Mart occupied by the Electrical Appliance Society and other organizations.

Operation of the new Bureau will be divided into four sections comprised of, Wiring; Educational; Lighting and Appliance Sections.



LABOR'S COOPERATION with the electrical contractor is typified by the hand clasp of E. J. Fransway (left) Milwaukee, president, Electrical Workers State Conference, Wissonsin and E. H. Herzberg, Milwaukee, Chairman, National Joint Committee on Apprenticeship Standards for the Electrical Construction Industry.



PRIORITY PROBLEMS and the plight of the small business man were discussed by William K. Evans, Regional OPM Analyst, Chicago, at the recent Illinois Chapter IAEI meeting.

# EMERGENCY STANDARDS INSPECTOR TOPICS

The Minnesota Electrical Inspectors Association is fostering an educational program to enlighten inspectors and contractors on code problems, standards and emergency substitutions. To promote the program, the group has acquired the facilities of the Dunwoody Institute, leading Minneapolis industrial trade school, for bi-monthly meetings. According to Glenn Rowell, secretary-treasurer of the association, these will be all-day sessions covering current inspector-contractor problems.

This plan was approved at the annual meeting of the association, held in conjunction with the North Central Electrical Industries convention in Minneapolis, Feb. 22-25. Officers elected at this meeting were: president, Allen E. Wolf, Waseca, Minn.; vice-president, D. A. Hilger, Minneapolis; secretary-treasurer, Glenn Rowell, Minneapolis. Members of the association's Executive Committee are Albert Everling, New Ulm; George Garney, St. Paul and F. W. Trayser, Minneapolis.

# FHA REQUESTS COVERED NEUTRAL APPROVAL

The electrical section of the Defense Housing Critical List which became effective February 24 was referred to the Electrical Committee by FHA with a request that the National Electrical Code permit the use of the materials listed. In transmitting the request, H. P. Ver-

In transmitting the request, H. P. Vermilya, Director of the Technical Division FHA said, "in view of the fact that the rubber situation has become intensely critical consideration should be given to the possibility of revision to the limitations under which single conductors of the slow burning weatherproof type may be used.

"In view of the fact that all public and private housing for defense purposes will be limited in the materials they may secure to those permitted by the Critical List, it is essential particularly with regard to private construction, that the National



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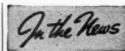
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Electrical Code permit the uses of those materials which are allowable under the Critical List. You are no doubt aware of the fact that many local building authorities have adopted the National Elec-

trical Code by reference.

"It is extremely important in this emergency that private building be permitted to practice conservation insofar as it can with safety. For this reason we would appreciate very much early consideration by your Committees of changes in the National Electrical Code which would make possible continuation of private building with the use of the least practical amount of critical materials."

The new Defense Housing Critical List which follows, specifies the types of wiring materials and the extent to which they may be used on housing under a preference

rating order.

General: Outlets

The number of outlets allowed for fixtures, snap switches convenience and special purpose receptacles for each dwelling unit shall not exceed the sum total calculated as follows:

a. Bathroom-Two outlets. b. Kitchen-Four outlets.

Dining Room or Dining Space-Three

outlets.

d. Living Room—Four outlets.
e. Each Other Habitable Room—Four outlets.

f. Each Private Hall—Two outlets. g. Each Private Foyer—Two outlets.

g. Each Private Foyer—Two outlets.
h. Each Exterior Entrance—One outlet.
i. Utility Room—Three outlets.
j. Basement (1) in dwellings which do not contain a utility room—Five outlets.
(2) In dwellings which contain a utility room in addition to a basement-three out-

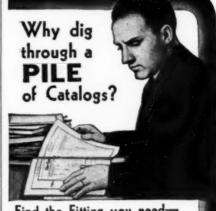
k. Garage—one car, two outlets; two car, three outlets; multi-family: Two outlets

for each enclosed car stall.

1. Other Areas, including public stair-halls, service spaces, etc.—Number as de-



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m. Special Purpose Outlets for ranges, refrigerators and for heating, ventilating, and plumbing appliances and equipment—Number as determined for the individual case by the office processing the application.

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The following items each count as one outlet provided the wiring device (or devices) is installed in one outlet box: single snap switch-combination snap switch and convenience outlet-duplex convenience outlet-fixture outlet-combination fixture and convenience outlet-special purpose outlet.

Service Entrance
321 Non-metallic service cables.
322 Moisture resistant cables only for underground installation in non-me-

tallic service raceways. Service cable head.

324 Service equipment, panelboards and enclosures—non-metallic or ferrous sheet metal enclosures; Non-metallic coated sheet metal; zinc coated sheet metal for exterior use or where imbedded in exterior concrete or masonry. Copper or copper alloy for current-carrying parts only. Overcurrent devices may be fuse or automatic type, thermal or magnetic.

Interior Wiring

331 Covered neutral cable.
332 Insulated single conductors.
333 Non-metallic sheathed cable.
334 Non-metallic service ca Non-metallic service cable—for range and domestic water heater cir-cuits and for feeders from a master service cabinet to supply other structures.

335 Armored cable—Federal Specifica-tion E-J-C-71 type-only for: 3351 Embedding in plaster. 3352 Chases or hollow spaces in ma-

sonry or concrete.

3353 Motor connections from motor outlet to motor terminal.
3354 Fishing in existing concealed

spaces.

336 Flexible metal conduit-zinc coated ferrous metal-only for flexible connections to motor terminals as an extension of 337 or 338 following.







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337 Electrical metallic tubing-ferrous

3371 Enameled—only for: (a) embed-

ding in masonry or concrete.

(b) Housing No. 4 conductors or larger, where exposed.

3372 Zinc coated optional only for:

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(b) Housing No. 4 conductors or larger, where exposed on exterior of structure. exposed on exterior of structure. 338 Rigid Conduit—ferrous metal.

3381 Enameled—optional for uses spe-cified in 3371 above where during installation or afterwards it will be subject to severe mechanical

injury. 3382 Zinc coated-optional for uses specified in 3372 above where during installation or afterwards it will be subject to severe mechanical injury.

Outlet Boxes

341 Non-metallic type.
342 Ferrous type, where connected to eligible metallic raceways or armored cable, enameled; zinc coated optional only for use specified in 3372 and 3382 above.

Plates and Wiring Devices, such as convenience and special purpose receptacles, switches and lampholders; non-metallic non-metallic plates, non-metallic outer shells and covers for lampholders.

Fittings
361 Clamps, locknuts, connectors, bushings and nipples—zinc or cadmium coated.

gers, straps, supports, sleeves fastenings—ferrous metal—no 362 Hangers, and metallic coating.

363 Cable connectors-Copper and copper alloy for current-carrying parts

Lighting fixtures-Copper or copper alloy for current-carrying parts only; non-metallic shells and covers for sockets.

381 Interior-non-metallic type or light gauge ferrous sheets, spun, stamped



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### COMING MEETINGS

National Industrial Service Association— Annual Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 4-6.

National Electrical Contractors Association —Annual Convention, Bigwin Inn, Lake of Bays, Ontario, Aug. 31-Sept. 5.

National Electrical Manufacturers Association—Spring Meeting, The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va., May 10-15.

National Electrical Wholesalers Association—Annual Convention, The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va., May 17-21.

International Association of Electrical Inspectors — Northwestern Section, Portland, Oregon, Sept. 14–16. Southwestern Section, Fresno, Cal., Sept. 21–23. Western Section, Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Mich., Oct. 5–7. Eastern Section, Boston, Mass., Oct. 12–14. Southern Section, Riehmond, Va., Oct. 19–21.

# Priorities

## POWER CURTAILMENT ORDER ISSUED

A limitation order which can be used to conserve power in the Niagara Falls area was issued on Feb. 28 by WPB. The order provides for mandatory system integration, operation of industrial generating equipment, reductions in use by non-defense industries, reduction in demands of large industrial users and restrictions upon the connecting of new large industrial consumers.

The plan will be used only in the event of a power sabotage and for the duration of the shortage. Residential consumers are not affected.

### NEW BUILDING FORM

Extension of preference ratings by building contractors will be facilitated by order, P-19-h, which will be used to assign ratings to construction projects in response to applications on forms PD-200 and PD-200A.

The new form of order will permit application by builders by endorsement on purchase orders containing the serial number. A similar form of endorsement may be used for extension of ratings to the builders' suppliers, except that before extending a rating a supplier must execute a special



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form of acceptance. Only one filing of the acceptance is necessary, after which the supplier may extend any rating assigned by Order P-19-h, regardless of serial number.

Reference to the Priorities Critical List has been eliminated from the order, but use of the assigned rating has been more strictly limited to materials which will be physically incorporated in the rated project.

Suppliers to whom rating are extended under the new order may accumulate the ratings up to a period of three months until they can place an order for a minimum commercial quantity of the rated material if they do not process it in any way, and subject to the same restrictions, suppliers may "basket" or accumulate ratings on orders from two or more contractors.

# SEVEN BILLIONS FOR EXPANSION

The estimated cost of war industrial plant expansions approved through December 31, 1941, totaled \$7,366,000,000, the War Production Board recently announced.

Commitments of public funds amounted to \$6,040,000,000, or 82 per cent of the total estimated cost. Of this, commitments by the United States government totaled \$5,885,000,000, and those of foreign governments amounted to \$155,000,000. The estimated cost of private expansion was \$1,326,000,000.

The following table presents in detail the estimated cost of war industrial expansions by type of product.



VENTILATION PROBLEMS occupy the time of Charles Schick (left), B & L Electric Co., electrical contractor, Brookfield, Ill., and H. Stai of the Autovent Fan and Blower Division of the Herman Nelson Corp., Chicago. Charley has been doing a bang.up job on home ventilation and believes it is important to the health and morale of every home owner.

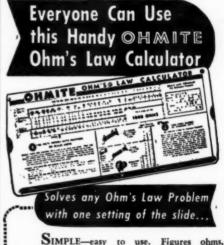


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POWER FOR DEFENSE production is highlighted by Irving L. Illing, il-luminating engineer, Wisconsin Electric Power Co., in his talk on the power behind our line of defense, at the recent convention of the Wisconsin Electric Association.

Value of war industrial facilities financed through December 31, 1941.

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Estin	nated Cost
in T	housands
Total	\$7,365,971
Aircraft, Aircraft Engines, Parts	
and Accessories	1,066,621
Ships, Construction and Repair-	
ing	858,518
Combat and Motorized Vehicles	175,073
Guns	414,238
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# **NEW SUB-CONTRACT** PLAN TO SPEED CONVERSION

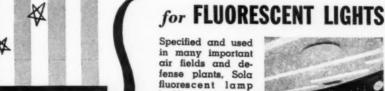
To bring information about needed parts to firms seeking sub-contracts, a new directory of war work will be tried on a limited scale in the Chicago area according to an announcement by William H. Harrison, director of Production of the War Production Board. Speeding up sub-contracting activity will in turn expedite plans for converting existing plants.

In the test, selected prime contractors will list the work they have to be done, by separate parts, classifying each by the machine needed to make it, the tolerances required and the hours per week these machines have to work.

This information will be coded and arranged alphabetically so that prospective sub-contractors can readily find the jobs that will fit their idle machines.

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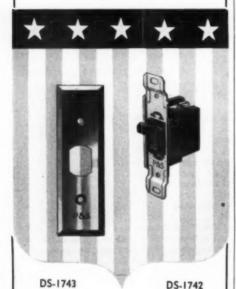
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# NEW WHOLESALE PREFERENCE FORM

Priority problems of electrical wholesalers and jobbers will be simplified by the use of a new application form which has been designed for the special use of distributors. New form is known as PD-1X, according to an announcement by WPB.

Insofar as materials and supplies can be made available without interfering with the war effort, priority assistance will be given to distributors and wholesalers who apply on the new form so that they can keep sufficient stocks on hand to maintain essential productive and service industries in operation.

In recent months, distributors have been hesitant to make deliveries to retailers and other important users who cannot furnish priority rating certificates, because the distributors were afraid that they would not be able to replace the material in their own inventories. Use of the new form will enable distributors to request preference ratings for essential supplies without receiving or extending a rating on every individual order which they fill.

Distributors who use Form PD-1X will be required to furnish information on their sales and inventory of the types of material for which priority assistance is requested. Ratings will be assigned on the basis of the importance of the product, the use to be made of it by the distributors' customers, and the availability of materials needed.

Distributors should also furnish information showing the percentage of material shipped out of stock on rated orders during the preceding month or second preceding month, as compared with total sales, if such information is available. The distributor should also give any pertinent information as to where he sells the products he distributes.

A uniform system for assignment of ratings will be developed in cooperation with the various industry and materials



FINANCIAL REPORT is checked over by R. J. Conklin, Watertown, Wis., treasurer of the Wisconsin Electrical Association, while E. H. Kunze, L & K Electrical Co., Milwankee, looks on.

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OTTO H. JOHNSON, president, Electric Supply and Construction Company, St. Paul, Minn., electrical contractors, checks over a set of electrical plans for a defense plant. He recently made in interesting 10,000 cycle generator installation for brazing shell cases, in a plant converted to war production.

branches concerned so that all distributors handling the same types of products for the same classes of customers will receive similar ratings.

Use of the new form is not expected to cover all of the distributors' requirements for priority assistance. When a distributor fills an order bearing a priority rating for a substantial quantity of material, he should extend the rating to his producer instead of applying for a new rating on Form PD-1X. The new form is intended rather to enable distributors to keep their inventories of parts and products sold in small quantities up to a practicable working minimum.

A new order known as L-63 limits the size of inventories which may be maintained by distributors and the quantities of items for which priority assistance will be granted on the basis of PD-1X applications subject to the terms of this order.

Distributors, wholesalers, and jobbers will be required to use the new forms exclusively in applying for priority assistance. When a rating or ratings are authorized in connection with a PD-1X application, they may be applied on distributors' orders to producers by a simple form of endorsement on the purchase order containing the serial number of the approved application. Ratings authorized for specified quantities of materials may be applied to more than one purchase order placed with different suppliers, provided that the total quantity to which the rating is assigned is not greater than the total amount authorized. Suppliers and producers to whom the rating is extended in this way may reextend the rating to obtain materials which will be physically incorporated into materials or products to be ultimately delivered to the distributor in accordance with the terms of the certificate.

# REFRIGERATION REPAIRS RECEIVE A-10

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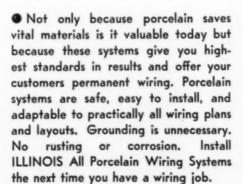
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in stores and restaurants among the uses for which the A-10 preference rating may be assigned.

# WIRE PRICE SCHEDULE AMENDED

The OPA, on March 18, issued Amendment No. 1 to Revised Price Schedule No. 82 relating to electric wire and cable. The original schedule imposed as maximum prices, the prices which prevailed on October 15, 1941.

Effective March 17, 1942, the new amendment exempts prices of products sold under developmental contracts with the U. S. Government, simplifies manufacturers' reporting requirements, and improves control over prices of new and specially designed products.

The term "wire, cable and cable accessories" means, among other things, "any copper, copper-clad or copper alloy wire or assembly or wires used for conducting electricity", and includes "special purpose communication, control or signal wire and cable, and flexible cord and cord sets" as further defined in the schedule.

# PRP TO REPLACE **BLANKET P RATINGS**

A specific requirement approach to the control and distribution of scarce materials will replace the use of blanket priority rating orders as rapidly as the necessary new orders and procedures can be put into effect, J. S. Knowlson, Director of Industry Operations, has announced. Between April 1 and June 30, most of the blanket rating orders will be revoked or allowed to expire, and companies which have been operating under blanket ratings will be required to



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apply for priority assistance under the new Production Requirements Plan.

Increasing materials requirements of the war program make it impractical to continue the use of preference ratings which have been assigned under existing "P" orders to whole industries, without any exact check of the amount of material which such ratings may be used to obtain. Through PRP the Director of Industry Operations will continue to assign ratings to deliveries of materials for essential uses, but the rating assigned in each case may be used to obtain only a specified quantity of materials.

Under PRP a company makes a single application for priority assistance covering all of its estimated materials needs over a three-month period. The applicant submits full information as to his inventories, the end use of his products, etc. Priority ratings are then assigned on the basis of such applications to permit producers of products essential to the war effort or minimum civilian needs to obtain specified quantities of materials during a quarter. Interim applications may be filed when a company needs additional quantities of material during the quarter because of increased war or other essential business.

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A Modified Production Requirements
Plan has been developed to meet the needs
of small firms whose business is less than
\$100,000 a year. Such companies may use
a simplified application form, PD-25X.

The effect of placing virtually all of American industry, including producers who supply the Army and Navy, under the Production Requirements Plan will be to give WPB closer control of the distribution and use of all scarce materials. The most important raw materials, such as aluminum, copper, steel plates, etc. are already allocated at the producer's level. General use of PRP will provide control of the flow of these materials down to the level of end products.

Because it would be physically impossible to handle the load of PRP applications if they were to be submitted immediately from all companies in all industries, the changeover from the use of blanket ratings will be continuous over a period of three months, and each industry will be notified as to the date by which the change must be completed. A considerable number of "P" orders have already been amended to provide that after a specified date, the blanket ratings assigned by such orders will be revoked, and producers who have been using them will have to apply for priority assistance under PRP.

Processing of PRP applications will be handled in cooperation with the appropriate industry and materials branches of the War Production Board in such a way that all companies producing similar products for similar uses will receive uniform treatment.

New limitation or conservation orders will continue to be issued to curtail production by non-essential and less essential industries which still use scarce materials, and to force substitutions for scarce materials wherever possible in essential industries. All ratings assigned under PRP will be subject to such controls.

PRP is not a new and untried program. The plan was announced early in Decem-



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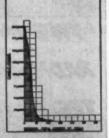
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ber, and a considerable number of companies have been operating under it since January 1. PRP itself grew out of the old Defense Supplied Rating Plan, which was first announced nearly a year ago. The extension of PRP to cover a much

The extension of PRP to cover a much broader field, and its substitution for "P" orders, will constitute another long step toward gearing the whole American economy into the war program. When the changeover is completed, priority assistance will be granted only for specified quantities of materials or products, and the War Production Board will then be in a position to go as far toward complete allocation as war needs may require.

The statistical information obtained as more and more companies operate under PRP will enable the Division of Industry Operations, in cooperation with the WPB Requirements Committee, to steadily improve the assignment of ratings and allocation of materials for various industries. In the meantime, a mechanism for controlling the distribution and use of all scarce materials will have been set up.

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#### Spero Appointments

The Spero Electric Corporation announces the opening of a New York office at 33 West 42d Street. This office will be manned by Earl H. Spero and Donald W. McIntosh. They will cover metropolitan New York and the surrounding territory.

Neil B. Walsh has been appointed a special factory representative to cover the entire country.

E. Vernon Murphy has been named to cover Baltimore and Washington, D. C. His headquarters are at 111 Cheapside St., Baltimore.

James T. Heagarty will cover Virginia and North Carolina, making Richmond his headquarters.

### **Allis-Chalmers Promotions**

Edwin H. Brown has been elected a vice-president of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., in charge of engineering and development. For seven years Mr. Brown was manager and chief engineer of the engine and condenser department.

Ralph R. Newquist has been named as assistant to Walter Geist, vice-president. C. W. Schweers succeeds Mr. Newquist as manager of the Houston office.



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### **G-E Appointments**

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Electric Company. Both have been district managers in their respective territories and will continue as such.

Four new assistant comptrollers were also elected. They are A. B. Crouch, D. L. Millham and G. S. Hyatt of Schenectady and C. E. Anderson of Bridgeport.

Announcement has been made of the appointments of Harold M. Towne as manager of sales for lightning arresters and fuse cutouts and Max I. Alimansky as manager of sales for capacitors.

Graybar Electric Company, Inc. announces the appointment of W. E. Mallicote as sales manager of the Chattanooga office. He was formerly a salesman at Knoxville branch. Mr. Mallicote replaces C. C. McGraw who has been called into the service.

Progressive Welder Company, Detroit, announces the appointment of H. F. Merchant as sales and service representative in the Philadelphia area, including eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey. Delaware and Maryland.

Hygrade Sylvania Corp., Salem, Mass. has named R. F. Hartenstein as a special representative. He was formerly director of lighting of the Ohio Edison Company, Akron.

Weltronic Corporation, Detroit, has appointed Walter Moehlenpah manager of the newly created Frostrode Division.

The Independent Pneumatic Tool Company has moved its Detroit branch to its own new building at 15605 Woodrow Wilson Avenue.

#### Roller-Smith Changes

In order to devote his entire time to his duties as chief engineer, J. D. Wood has resigned as president of the Roller-Smith Company.

The Board of Directors have elected Reg Halladay as the new president, and F. A. Judson as general manager.

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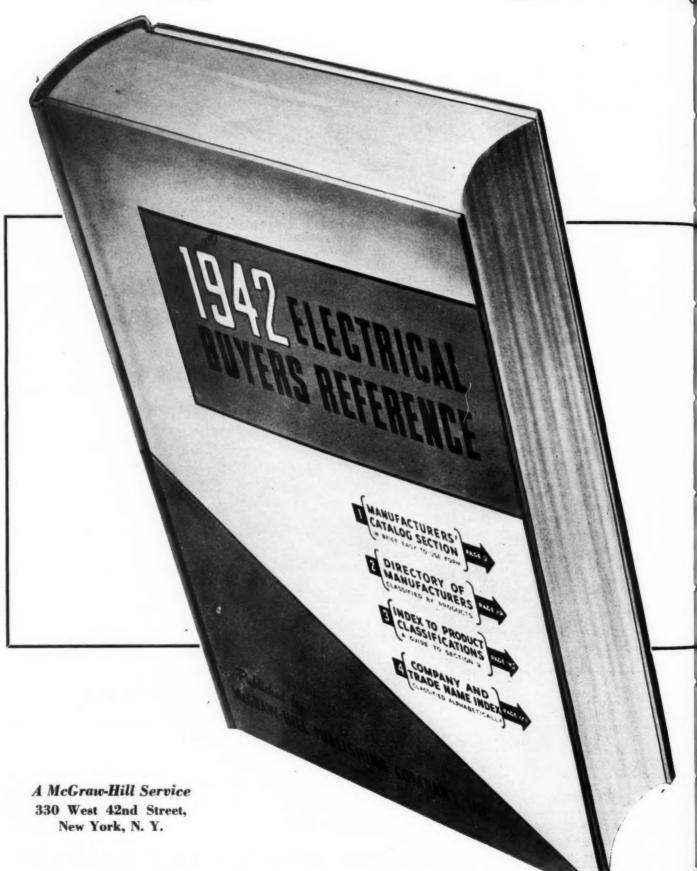
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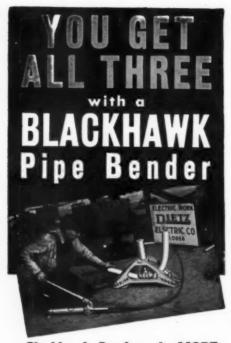
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There's no need to search through a bunch of assorted catalogs of various manufacturers. The 42 manufacturers of lighting fixtures, parts, and supplies, listed on this page have given plenty of data on their products in E.B.R.—everything you need to help you compare, select, specify and buy lighting equipment.

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The Clyde W. Lint Company, 100 S. Jefferson St., Chicago, has taken over the national sale and distribution of Jiffy Line of tools manufactured by the Paul W. Koch & Co.

Announcement has been made of the change in name of the Claude Banks Company to the Kirlin Company, 3435 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michi-

Claude Banks will continue as plant Bob Sweeney has been apmanager. pointed Michigan representative.

Irvington Varnish & Insulator Co., Irvington, N. J. announces the appointment of J. D. Van Valkenburgh as assistant to the president. He was formerly associated with the Johns-Manville Corp., New York.

# More Gossip

#### **Utah Inspector Retires**

Blaine Grey, former chief electrical inspector of Salt Lake City, Utah and a former electrical contractor, is enjoying the pleasures of retirement. On Feb. 1, he retired from active service as chief inspector, a position he has held since 1934. Dick Wolters, succeeds him.

Mr. Grey was recently tended a testimonial by the Utah Chapter, IAEI which he organized. He was also a past-president of the Northwestern Section, IAEI.



MODERN DESIGN of transformers reduces maintenance requirements, G. W. Clothier, engineer in charge of transformer sales, Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., tells G. J. Palm, president, Chicago Electrical Maintenance Engineers. Mr. Clothier recently presented an illustrated talk on this subject before the local E.M.E. Group.

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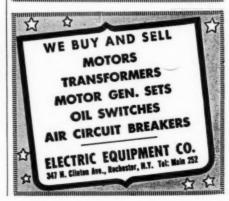
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### Harkins Heads Milwaukee League

R. J. Harkins was elected president of the Electrical League of Milwaukee at its annual meeting. H. Q. Beven is vice-president; N. C. Christopherson, secretary; and T. H. Desmond, treasurer.

Members of the Board of Directors are Bruno Barg, H. Q. Beven, F. A. Coffin, Henry Czech, H. A. Droegkamp, R. J. Harkins, H. F. Ilgner, O. R. Nichols, H. J. Russell, W. H. Roth, P. Y. Tumy and Walter VanLare.



GLENN ROWELL, engineer of Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau, Minneapolis, was recently re-elected secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota Electrical Inspectors Association.

#### A Big Job Ends

Kansas City's New Electrical Code is finished and ready for adoption by the city fathers. The administration portion of the new Electrical Section of the City Building Code was approved by the directors of the Electric Association of Kansas City, February 17. It took 30 committee meetings, spread out over a year, plus several industry analysis group meetings chairmaned by Fred Geiss, to iron out all the wrinkles. Code conference included representatives of the Real Estate Board, Building Owners and Managers and Power Engineers, as well as electrical men.

### Minnesota Electrical Men Honored

Three members of Minnesota's electrical industry were honored, at the recent convention of the North Central Electrical Industries, for a half century of service in that

The Minnesota Electrical Association awarded Golden Jubilee Certificates to Lewis C. Topping, operating division, Northern States Power Co., Fargo, N. D.; Fred J. Frasier, electrical contractor, Minneapolis and John E. Haley, operating engineer, City Hall Court House, Minne-

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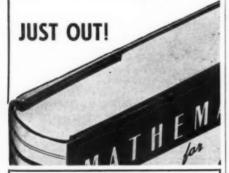
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# More Gossif

New Inspector for Kansas City

Kansas City, Mo., has a new chief electrical inspector. He is W. L. Hutchison, former deputy inspector and a former Kan-

sas City electrical contractor.

Mr. Hutchison succeeds G. V. Dameron who resigned to take a position with the Evans Electric Company of that city, electrical contractors who are doing a large amount of defense work for the government.

Mr. Dameron was appointed chief inspector to fill the vacancy left, not so long ago, by the resignation of Leo J. McCormick



MAINTENANCE SPECIALISTS from MAINTENAINCE STEUTHLASTS from Beaver Dam, Wisconsin are Leonard Opits (left) of Opits Electric Co., and O. W. Perschke, Perschke Electric Co. Both contractors are kept busy keeping the electrical system of Beaver Dam's industries in A-1 condition and are mak-ing good use of the maintenance and repair priorities order.

### Study Abroad

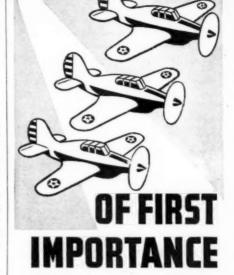
Hugh Weston, pride and joy of the Jerry Weston family in Kansas City, recently enjoyed an ocean voyage to Buenos Aires, where he enrolled at the University of Buenos Aires for a year's study under a scholarship grant.

Uncle Sam is footing the bill for the round trip boat ride, as part of our country's program for improved relations with South American countries.

#### Fiedler Heads Wisconsin Inspectors

Glen Fiedler, Green Bay, Wis., elected chairman of the Wisconsin Chapter, IAEI, at a recent meeting of that group in Milwaukee. Unanimous ballots were also cast for A. W. Lipske, Menasha, vice-chairman; and John E. Wise, Madison, secretary-treasurer.

Executive Committee members are: E. C. Knight, Watertown; E. W. Vollbrecht, Sheboygan; A. B. Middlemas, Milwaukee; and E. L. Pagels, Whitefish Bay.



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#### Pioneer Contractor Honored

Howard J. Jones, New Orleans, La., electrical contractor was recently presented a Golden Anniversary 50-year Certificate by the Electrical Association of New Orleans, in honor of 50 years of service to the electrical industry.

Howard started in the electrical industry with the old Edison Company but soon left to go into the contracting field, specializing in residential work. He has a record of being one of the longest continuously practicing electrical contractors in the city.

Others receiving similar recognition were Herman Blank, Edison Electric Illuminating Company, New Orleans; George B. Haygood, the Edison Co.; W. E. Fee, Louisiana Power & Light Co.; John S. Moore, New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board; Matt S. Marr, electrical division, New Orleans City Administration; Lyman C. Reed, former president, Electrical Association; Wm. Von Phul, president, Ford, Bacon and Davis, engineers, contractors and operators.



SHOP SUPERVISOR, F. L. Johnsen, Boustead Electric & Mfg. Co., one of Minneapolis' largest electric motor repair estbalishments, is in the throes of remodeling and rearranging the repair department, while still belping to keep the industrial wheels turning. A specialized small motor department, for electric tools and such, is one goal. Mr. Johnsen is also secretary of the organization.

#### Poor Plans

The Federal Housing Administration lists "incomplete wiring layouts which fail to give specific locations of all outlets" as one of the five major omissions on plans which delay applications for FHA mortgage insurance. The submission of badly drawn, incomplete or ill-conceived plans may easily be the cause of a loan rejection or a mortgage reduction, according to the report.

#### Almost 3-A-Day

Kansas City, Mo., started 1942 with a bang in the adequately wired home field. During January there were 87 Certified Red Seal, Adequately Wired Homes—three-a-day, if you throw out a couple of Sundays.

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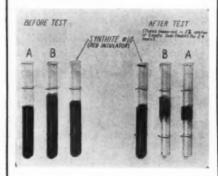


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# More Gossip

#### At Home Aboard

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Bill started out wiring the shipyards and is now doing the electrical work on Uncle Sam's coast guard cutters and sub-chasers built at the yards. He spends so much time close to his work that he is equally at home on the ships or by his own fire-side.

### Chicago Contractors Re-elect Officers

All present officers of the Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago were re-elected at a recent meeting of that organization. They are: president, Wm. McGuineas and secretary-treasurer, J. W. Collins.

Members of the Executive Committee are: Wm. McGuineas, J. N. Pierce, J. M. Hoffman, A. C. McWilliams, F. S. Berry, Benj. Olsen and M. N. Blumenthal.

The Arbitration Committee is composed of Wm. McGuineas, J. N. Pierce, A. C. McWilliams, J. M. Hoffman and M. N. Blumenthal. Benjamin Olsen is the alternate.



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BOOM TOWNS surrounding war industries in Indiana were ripe for disastrous electrical fires until Chief Inspector Pat Hyland of the Indiana State Fire Marshall's office sent in special crews of clectrical inspectors. They cooperate with local contractors to check the bazards of lamp cord wiring in homes and overloaded systems in crowded commercial buildings.

### Navy Calls Drumm

S. L. Drumm recently resigned as vicepresident of the Electrical Association of New Orleans, to answer his country's call to active Naval duty. E. N. Avenog was unanimously chosen to succeed him.

Lieutenant Drumm has been assigned to Tulane University Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, as an associate professor of naval science and tactics.



BOYS FROM BELOIT come up to Milwaukee to find out the fate of the smaller electrical contractor during the duration. A portion of the delegation includes (L to R) G. M. Greer, Duenow Electric Co., E. C. Melaas, W. P. & L. Co., G. W. Timm, G. W. Timm Electric Co., Lou Carroll, Carroll Electric Co., and Oscar Sobel, A. Sobel & Son. All hail from Beloit, Wis.



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# More Gossip -

### Morris, Lindberg Head Twin-City Contractors

The electrical contractors of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota's twin-cities, recently announced the officers and directors of their respective groups for 1942.

tors of their respective groups for 1942.

The Minnesota Electrical Contractor Association elected John Morris president; C. S. Williams, vice-president and H. J. Mester, secretary-treasurer. Members of the Board of Directors are: Art Ingebredtsen, Arthur Starbird, F. M. Tripp and A. L. Glatty. Because of the resignation of George Plank as business manager, the routine business of this association will now be handled by the office of the Minnesota Electrical Council.

The St. Paul Electrical Contractors, at their annual meeting, chose Wm. F. Lindberg as president; Herb Westman, vice-president; and August E. Hansen, secretary-treasurer. Directors of the association are Otto Johnson, Fred Page, F. W. Hoeft and C. A. Yares.

#### **New Officers**

At a recent meeting of the Central Jersey Electrical League, Trenton, N. J. the following officers were elected: president, Charles F. Burkert, electrical contractor; vice-president, Stephen A. Szabo, of General Motors; secretary, B. J. Kopp, of Public Service and treasurer, Jerry A. Madden of Tab Electrical.

Messrs. Burkert and Madden together with Robert I. Kulp, of the Hurley Tobin Company, were elected delegates to the New Jersey Council of Electrical Leagues.



CAPTIVATING SMILE belongs to Allen E. Wolf, Waseca, Minn., newly elected president of the Minnesota Electrical Inspectors Association. Allen covers REA territory in Minnesota, seeing to it that farmers have safe wiring.

#### Contractors Pool Equipment

Forty-four electrical contractors in Greater Vancouver, through the Vancouver Electrical Association, have placed all their tools, ladders, trucks, cars and other equipment at the service of the authorities for use as desired in any war emergency.

The offer was made to the Civic Fire and Police Committee and was accepted with much commendation and appreciation.

### **Business Brings Expansion**

Johnny Johnson's motor repair shop in Staunton, Va., reports business has been on the upgrade—so much, in fact, that an "L" addition giving 500 sq. ft. of much needed floor space has been built on to the shop. This new space will house the small motor department.

Under one corner of the new building is a junk copper storage space, with a trap door in the floor and a door opening into an alley for loading. No scrap will be lost in this shop.



ELECTRICAL ADEQUACY is assured in this remodeled home as B. L. Mc-Clain (left) of Horton Electric Co., electrical contractors of LaGrange, Ill., goes over the plans with architect Harford Field of Hinsdale, Ill. Door switches, three-way switches and additional outlets are being added to the original plans.

#### Civic Record

A new record of public service was recently hung up by Fred J. Hume, president of Hume and Rumble, electrical contractors of New Westminster, Vancouver, Edmonton and other cities in British Columbia. Mr. Hume was elected to his ninth successive term as Mayor of New Westminster, B. C.

#### Denver Gets Apprentice School

Denver, Colorado, has started a government sponsored apprentice school for electricians. Victor C. Moulton, electrical inspector, Mountain States Inspection Bureau, Denver, and secretary-treasurer of the Rocky Mountain Chapter IAEI, will spend some time with the class in studying and discussing the National Electrical Code.



APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING is vitally important now, for present and post-war needs of electrical contractors, believe Silas Y. Moote (left) and Edward C. Madsen, Milwankee field representatives of the Apprenticeship Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

#### Bagwell Gets Houston Post

L. R. Bagwell, graduate electrical engineer, member of the AIEE and the IAEI, was recently appointed chief electrical inspector of Houston, Texas. Mr. Bagwell was formerly connected with the Mutual Electric Company.

#### Toledo Contractors Pick '42 Slate

W. N. Brown was chosen president of the Toledo Electrical Contractors Association, Inc., Toledo, Ohio, at a recent meeting of that group. A. L. Bentley is vice-president and C. F. Hammer, secretarytreasurer.

Members on the Board of Governors, Toledo Building Congress, include Max Romanoff, Labor Relations Committee; A. L. Bentley, Legislative Committee; W. N. Brown, Publicity Committee; H. C. Scannell, Trade Practice Committee.

The Board of Trustees of the contractor's association is composed of W. N. Brown, A. L. Bentley, R. H. Winters, A. F. Preeter, G. L. Saunders, Max Romanoff, H. C. Scannell and C. F. Hammer, secretary.

Members serving on the various committees are: labor-agreement—H. C. Scannell, A. L. Bentley, O. H. Taylor, Max Romanoff, R. H. Winters; joint conference—H. C. Scannell, A. L. Bentley, C. F. Hammer; apprentice training—M. Dorn, Max Romanoff, G. L. Saunders; adequate wiring—R. Hammer, W. Eggleston, P. I. Patchen; electrical code—O. H. Taylor, W. McKie, G. L. Saunders; finance—Max Romanoff, W. N. Brown, C. F. Hammer; membership—E. DeLisle, R. Ayling and J. A. Overmeyer.

C. F. Hammer, as secretary, is also delegate to local, state and national industry meetings and conventions.

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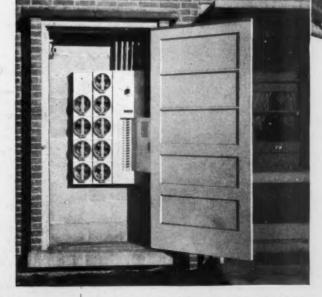


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T. A. Brown (left), owner and J. A. Madden, purchasing agent, Tab Electric Supply Co., Inc., Trenton, N. J., are here discussing a plan for increasing their service to war industry customers by having their salesmen carry samples of wiring materials that can be depended upon for uninterrupted power distribution.



Every morning, G. E. Williams, salesman, General Electric Supply Corporation, Philadelphia, loads his brief case carefully for the day because by doing it, he saves time later and can give war production customers information about materials and deliveries quickly.



R. W. Cella (left), salesman, General Electric Supply Corporation, St. Louis, Mo., helped W. C. Burton "take off" materials needed from plans. Mr. Cella also aided in obtaining government approval for the materials and actively followed delivery schedules.



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